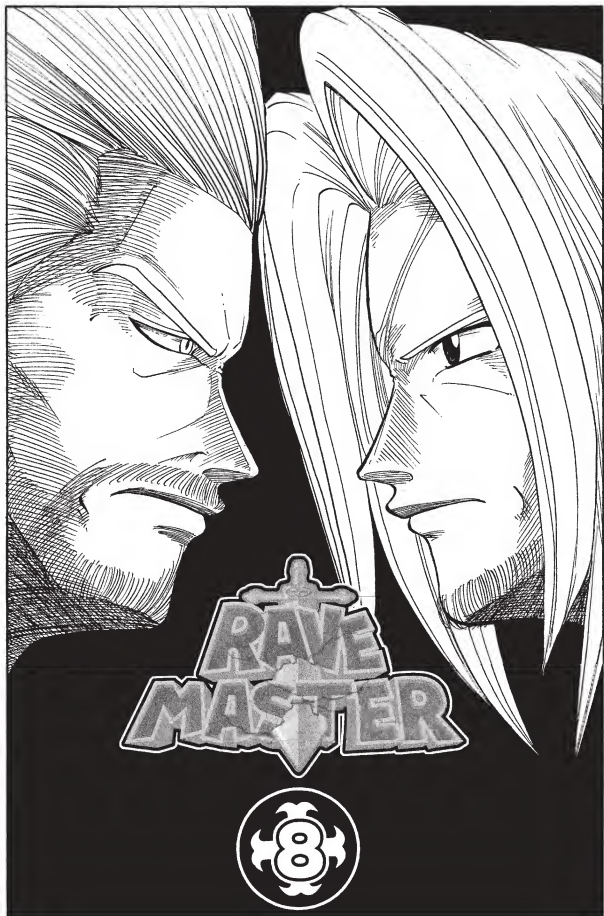


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RAVE MASTER



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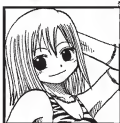
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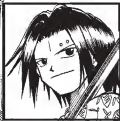
After traveling to the Luka Continent in search of the Rave of Combat, Haru found something he never expected-his father! Haru learns that a man named "Gale" is behind the recent attacks on Rabarrier City, home of the Rave of Combat. Against his friends' wishes, Haru sets out alone for the Tower of Din to find out if his dad could really be the one behind the attacks. It turns out that the "Gale" in question isn't his father-it's Gale Raregroove, also known as King, the Demon Card leader! His father, Gale Glory, came here to stop King. Haru and his father race into the tower to stop the Demon Card leader before he can complete The Enclain, a process for creating the most destructive Dark Bring ever!

HARU GLORY: The Rave Master. Haru is the heir to Rave, the only one capable of wielding it and destroying Dark Bring. Impulsive and headstrong, he's not afraid to put himself in danger to do what is right. His father disappeared in search of Rave when he was very young.



ELIE: A Girl with no past. Elie travels the world in search of the key to her forgotten memories. Outwardly cheerful, she hides a great sadness from her past. She's hot-headed, so when she pulls out her explosive Tonfa Blasters, bad guys watch out!

MUSICA: Leader of the Silver Rhythm Gang. An orphan whose family was slaughtered when he was a baby. Musica became a street-fighting petty thief, but he has a good heart.

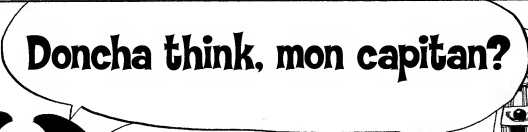


PLUE: The Rave Bearer. Plue is supposed to be Haru's guide in finding the Rave Stones, but so far he's just gotten him in and out of trouble. No one knows exactly what Plue is, but he seems to have healing abilities and is smarter than your average...whatever he is.

GRIFF: Don't even ask what this thing is. His full name is Griffon Kato, but he just goes by Griff. He works as a cart driver and is hired to transport Haru and friends across the Continent of Song. His body can stretch like rubber and he's got a crush on Elie.



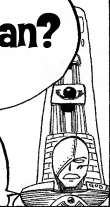
GALE GLORY: Haru's father, he left home in search of the Raves fifteen years ago and hasn't seen his family since. Gale Glory and Gale Raregroove (aka King) seem to have known each other for a long time, but how?!



Doncha think, mon capitain?



**That is correct! This is the
contents page for Volume 8.**



RAVE:57⊕ A PAIR OF KINGS

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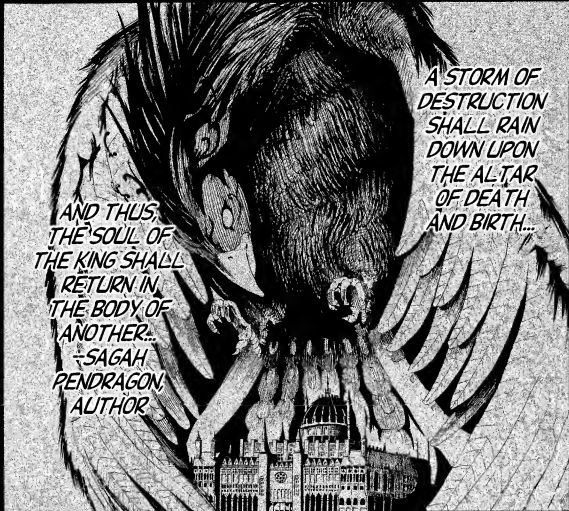
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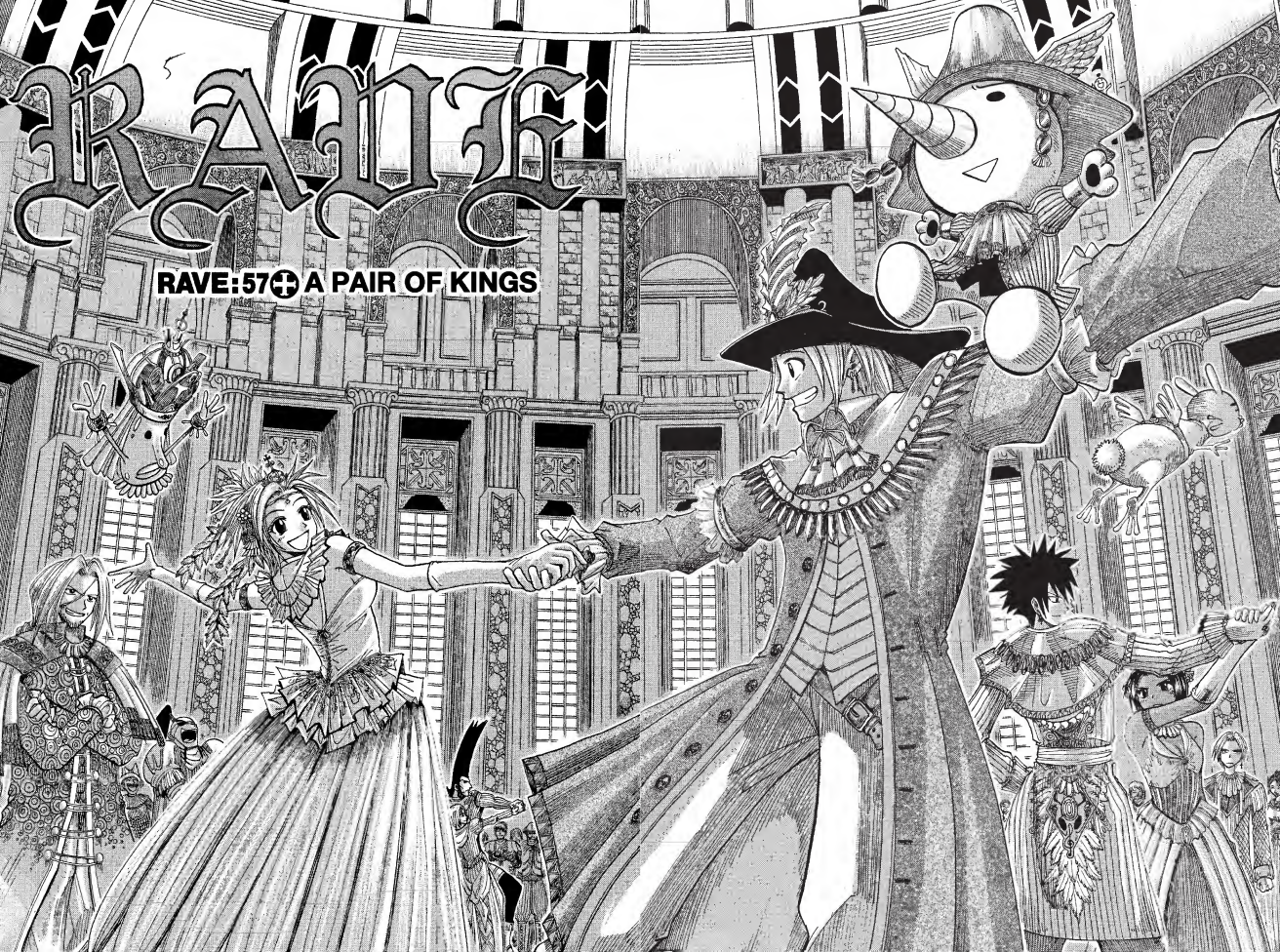
REVELATION
CHAPTER 13
VERSE 2

WHEN TWO WINDS CONVERGE...



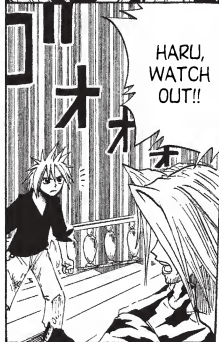
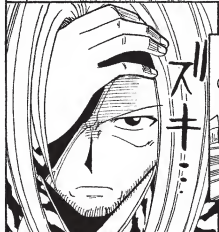
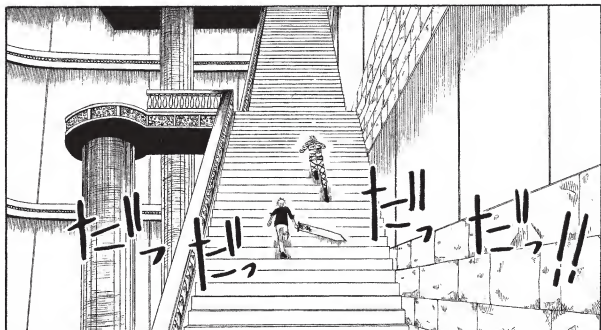
AND THUS,
THE SOUL OF
THE KING SHALL
RETURN IN
THE BODY OF
ANOTHER...
-SAGAH
PENDRAGON,
AUTHOR

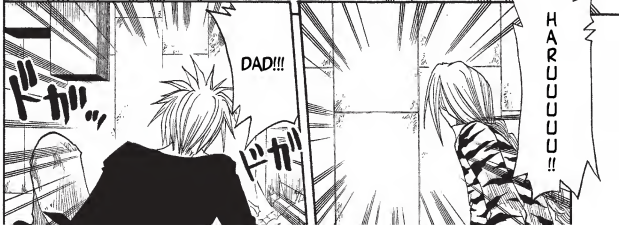
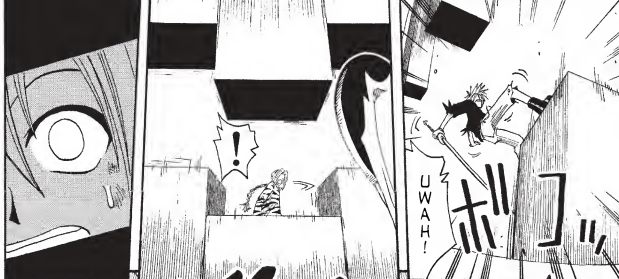
A STORM OF
DESTRUCTION
SHALL RAIN
DOWN UPON
THE ALTAR
OF DEATH
AND BIRTH...



RAVE

RAVE: 57+ A PAIR OF KINGS







I'M
SORRY,
BUT...



...A WALL
HASN'T BEEN
BUILT THAT
COULD KEEP
ME FROM MY
SON!!

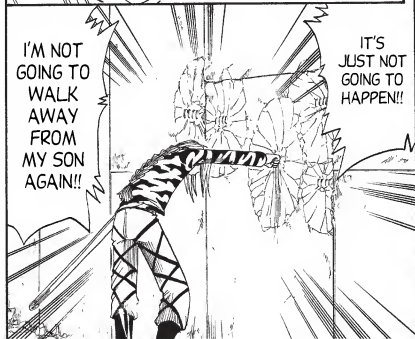


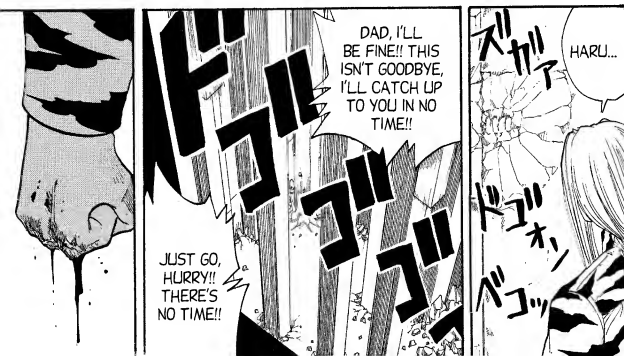
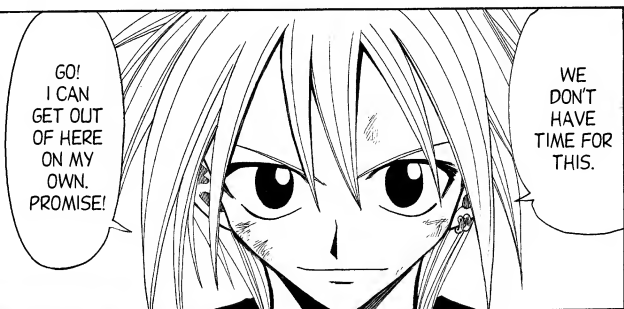
キヤアア!



スウッ

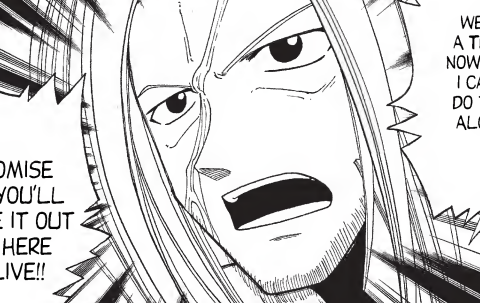
ストオ!





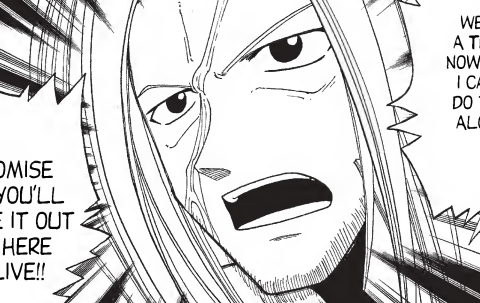
YOU HAVE
TO. KING'S TOO
TOUGH TO TACKLE
ALONE... I'M GONNA
NEED YOU IN
THERE!

A stylized illustration of a person climbing a ladder against a background of large, bold Japanese characters. The person is at the bottom left, reaching up. The ladder is a simple line. The background features large, black, stylized Japanese characters, including 'ド' (do) and 'コ' (ko), which are part of the title 'ドコ' (Doko). The overall style is graphic and minimalist.



PROMISE
ME YOU'LL
MAKE IT OUT
OF HERE
ALIVE!!

WE'RE
A TEAM
NOW, AND
I CAN'T
DO THIS
ALONE.



PROMISE
ME YOU'LL
MAKE IT OUT
OF HERE
ALIVE!!

WE'RE
A TEAM
NOW, AND
I CAN'T
DO THIS
ALONE.

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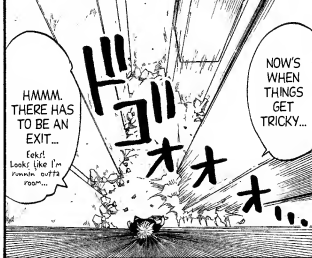


FINE! I PROMISE.

GAH! JUST GO!



THERE'S
GOTTA BE A
SWITCH OR
CONTROLLER
SOMEWHERE...



HMMM.
THERE HAS
TO BE AN
EXIT...

Eek!
Looks like I'm
runnin' outta
room...

NOW'S
WHEN
THINGS
GET
TRICKY...



OUCH!



AW, SNAP...
WE'RE RUNNING
OUT OF TIME! AND
WHO KNOWS HOW
FAR I FELL?

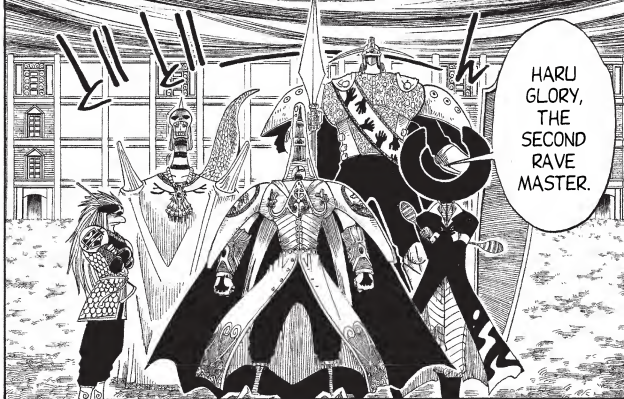
What now?

THIS
TOWER
IS LIKE
SOME
KIND OF
CRAZY
CARNIVAL
RIDE.

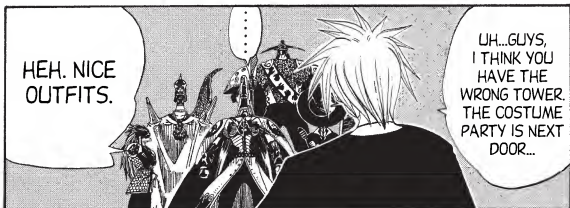


I DON'T KNOW
IF IT'S THE SILVERY
HAIR, THE DISTINCT
JAWLINE OR WHAT,
BUT, MAN, DO YOU
LOOK LIKE GALE
GLORY.



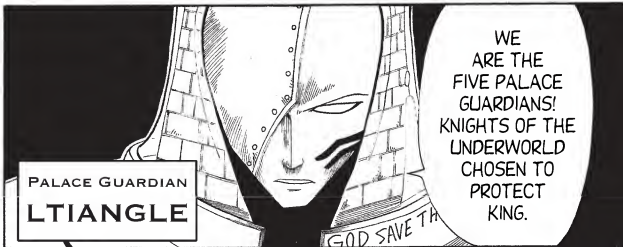


HARU
GLORY,
THE
SECOND
RAVE
MASTER.



HEH. NICE
OUTFITS.

UH...GUYS,
I THINK YOU
HAVE THE
WRONG TOWER.
THE COSTUME
PARTY IS NEXT
DOOR...



PALACE GUARDIAN
LTANGLE

WE
ARE THE
FIVE PALACE
GUARDIANS!
KNIGHTS OF THE
UNDERWORLD
CHOSEN TO
PROTECT
KING.

GOD SAVE THE



IT'S YOU
THAT IS IN
THE WAY,
INSOLENT
BOY!

AH...AND SO THE
PICTURE COMES INTO
FOCUS. LOOK GUYS, I'M
GOING TO HAVE TO ASK
THAT YOU GET OUT OF
MY WAY. I HAVE AN
APPOINTMENT
UPSTAIRS.



SO GALE
GETS A FREE
PASS TO THE TOP,
BUT YOU, YOU'RE
OURS TO DEAL
WITH HOWEVER
WE WANT. AND
WHAT WE WANT
IS FOR YOU TO GO
DOWN. HARD.
COMPRENDE?

EL REY HAS
SPOKEN. IT IS
HIS WILL TO KILL
GALE GLORY
WITH HIS OWN
HANDS.

PALACE GUARDIAN
RACAS

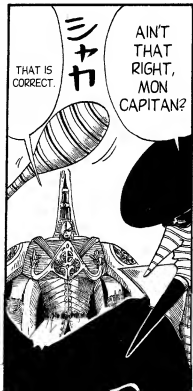


'CUZ IT'S
HASTA
LA VISTA
TIME,
RAVE
MASTER.

WRONG...
YOU WILL
NEVER GET
OUT OF
HERE.

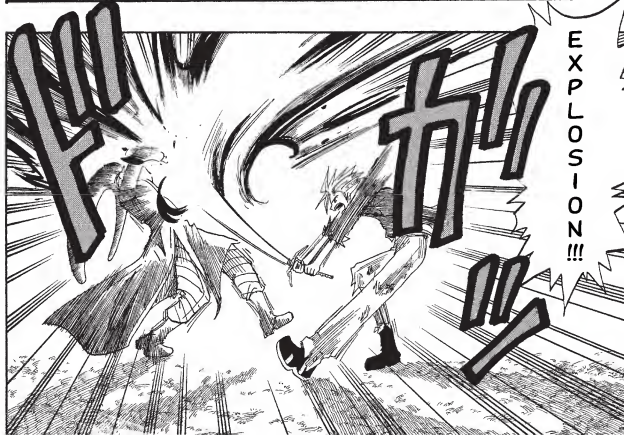
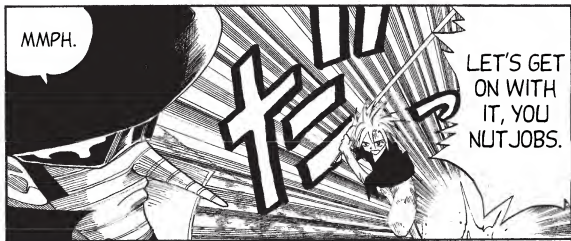
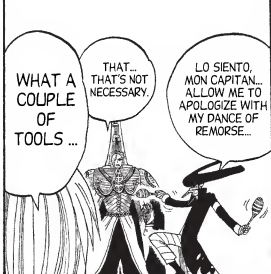


OKAY. FINE.
SO I HAVE TO DEAL
WITH YOU FREAKS
BEFORE I CAN GET
OUT OF HERE.



THAT IS
CORRECT.

AIN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
MON
CAPITAN?



YOUR RHYTHM...
I MEMORIZED IT.

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, INTERRUPTING MY DANCE LIKE THAT, MI AMIGO.

WHA--?

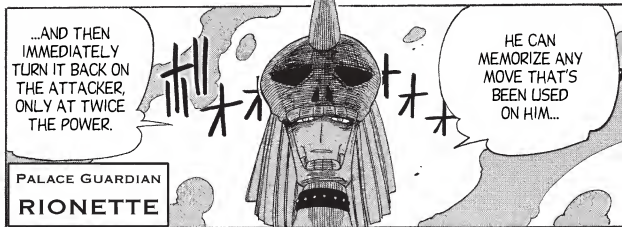
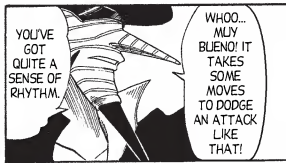
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, INTERRUPTING MY DANCE LIKE THAT, MI AMIGO.

WHA--?



AND NOW I CAN DOUBLE IT BACK!!





וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁמַע ה' אֶת הַקּוֹל וְהָיָה כִּי יִשְׁמַע ה' אֶת הַקּוֹל



THIS IS
INSANE!
EVERYONE
OF THESE
LUNATICS
HAS A
DARK
BRING!

FOOLISH
CHILD, THAT
WAS JUST
MY SHADOW.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP NOW!

FOOLISH CHILD, THAT WAS JUST MY SHADOW.

HUH?

PALACE GUARDIAN

RON GLACE

!!



WHOA!

THIS IS
NUTS...
Gimme a
break...

HOW
DID
THESE
DUDES
GET SO
MUCH
POWER?



HE
STOPPED
THAT
GUY WITH
JUST ONE
HAND?!

OH
NO...
WHAT
NOW?

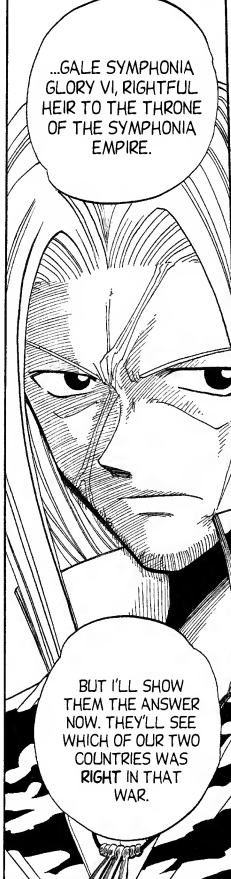


WHY?!
WHY NOT
LET ME
KILL,
LET??

PALACE GUARDIAN
LET

THIS ISN'T A
FAIR FIGHT. HE IS
OUTNUMBERED... IT'S
NOT HONORABLE.





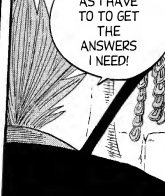
...GALE SYMPHONIA
GLORY VI, RIGHTFUL
HEIR TO THE THRONE
OF THE SYMPHONIA
EMPIRE.

BUT I'LL SHOW
THEM THE ANSWER
NOW. THEY'LL SEE
WHICH OF OUR TWO
COUNTRIES WAS
RIGHT IN THAT
WAR.



...BUT HE
LOST THE
WAR!!

DEFEATED
BY YOUR
PEOPLE!!



AS MUCH
AS I HAVE
TO TO GET
THE
ANSWERS
I NEED!

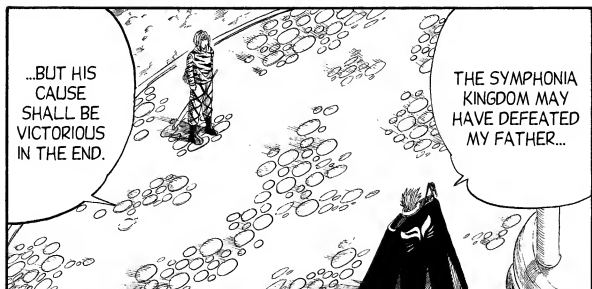


WHAT
ANSWERS?



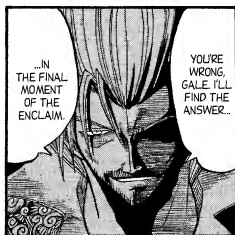
I AM THE
RIGHTFUL
HEIR TO THE
THRONE OF THE
RAREGROOVE
DARK BRING
EMPIRE.

FIFTY YEARS
AGO, MY FATHER
STARTED DOWN A
PATH HE THOUGHT
WOULD LEAD TO
WORLD UNITY...



...BUT HIS
CAUSE
SHALL BE
VICTORIOUS
IN THE END.

THE SYMPHONIA
KINGDOM MAY
HAVE DEFEATED
MY FATHER...

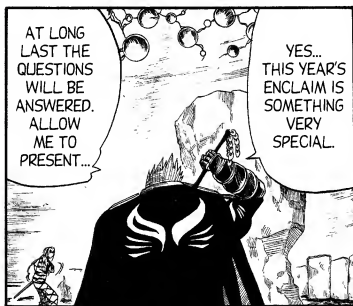


...IN
THE FINAL
MOMENT
OF THE
ENCLAIM.

YOU'RE
WRONG,
GALE. I'LL
FIND THE
ANSWER...

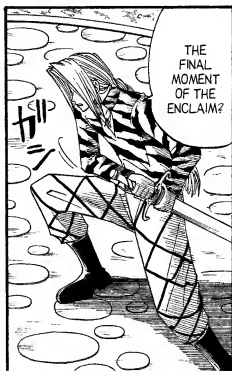


THAT WAR
ENDED BEFORE
WE WERE EVEN
BORN. THERE'S
NO WAY TO
ANSWER
THAT NOW.



AT LONG
LAST THE
QUESTIONS
WILL BE
ANSWERED.
ALLOW
ME TO
PRESENT...

YES...
THIS YEAR'S
ENCLAIM IS
SOMETHING
VERY
SPECIAL.



THE
FINAL
MOMENT
OF THE
ENCLAIM?



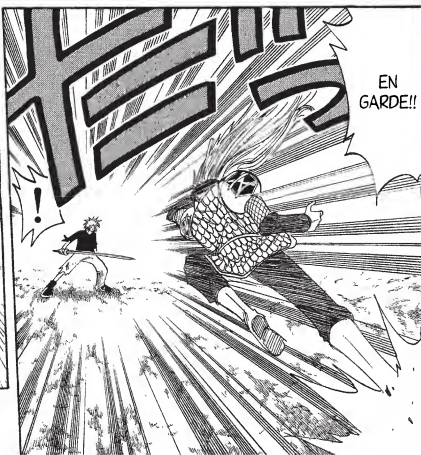
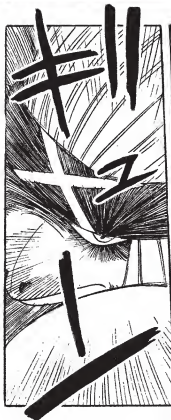
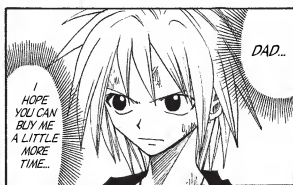
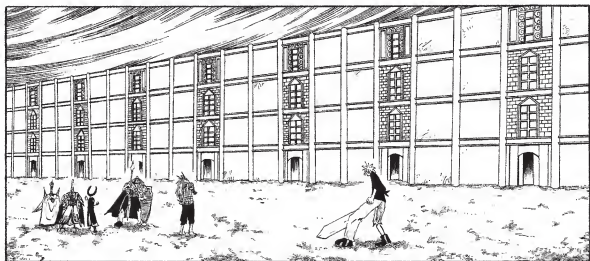
END OF
EARTH. IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE...

THAT
DARK BRING
COULDN'T
BE...

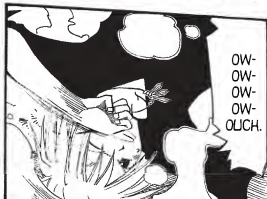
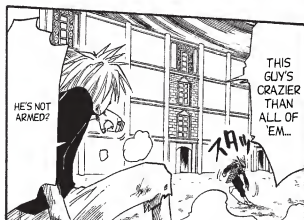
...THE
ULTIMATE
DARK BRING,
END OF
EARTH!

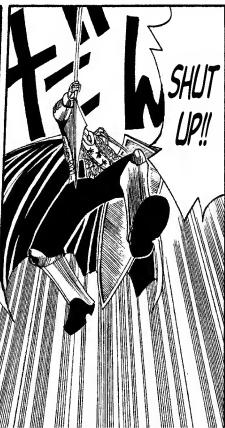
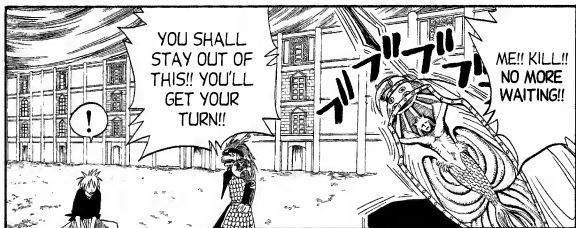
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RAVE:58⊕ FINAL COUNTDOWN?!



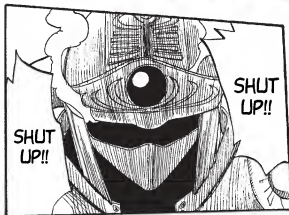








NEEDLE
BURST!!!



SHUT
UP!!

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
KNIGHT!
WHERE IS
YOUR
HONOR?



YOU
CRETIN!!
HOW
DARE YOU
INTERFERE
WITH OUR
DUEL!!



ALL
RIGHT, FINE!!
LET'S GO, DUDE!
LET'S THROW
DOWN!

ECH...



AW, SNAP! THESE DUDES JUST KEEP PULLING OUT NEW TRICKS!

YOU CANNOT MOVE UNLESS I PULL YOUR STRINGS.

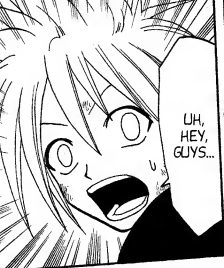
AS LONG AS I AM STANDING ON YOUR SHADOW, YOU ARE NOTHING BUT MY MARIONETTE.

I-I CAN'T MOVE MY BODY!!

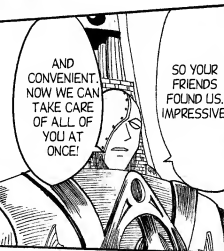
!!!

GASH!

RIONETTE.
LEAVE HIM BE.
THIS IS MY
FIGHT, NOT
YOURS.



UH,
HEY, GUYS...



AND
CONVENIENT
NOW WE CAN
TAKE CARE
OF ALL OF
YOU AT
ONCE!

SO YOUR
FRIENDS
FOUND US.
IMPRESSIVE.



LOOKS
LIKE WE
HAVE OUR
WORK
CUT OUT
FOR US...

GALE'S ELITE
FIVE PALACE
GUARDIANS!
THEY SAY EACH
ONE IS AS
STRONG AS ONE
THOUSAND
DEMONOIDS.



YOU HAD
US WORRIED
SICK, YOU BIG
JERK!

PUUN

MAN, I
CAN'T LEAVE
YOU ALONE
FOR EVEN A
SECOND,
CAN I?



UH...
I DON'T
THINK SO...
AND MY
DAD'S NOT
HERE.
C'MON, LIKE
I COULD BE
RELATED
TO THESE
WEIRDOS?

WHOA!
ARE
THESE
GUYS
EVEN
HUMAN?

HEY,
HARU,
WHICH
ONE OF
THESE
GUYS IS
YOUR OLD
MAN?

UH, GUYS,
MAYBE A
LITTLE
HELP?



MY DAD IS
A DIFFERENT
GALE.

HIS NAME'S
KING?

WHAT
?!



THE GALE
THAT SOLASIDO
WAS TALKING
ABOUT IS KING,
LEADER OF
DEMON CARD.

OKAY,
I'LL TRY
AND
EXPLAIN
...

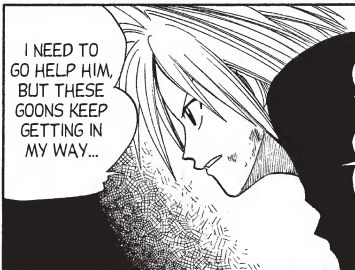


TH-THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE!
WHERE IS
YOUR FATHER
RIGHT NOW?!

WAIT,
SO IT WAS
ALL A BIG
MISUNDER-
STANDING?
THERE ARE
TWO GALES?



TWO GALES.
I...I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY.



I NEED TO
GO HELP HIM,
BUT THESE
GOONS KEEP
GETTING IN
MY WAY...

HE'S
UPSTAIRS!
AT THE TOP
OF THE
TOWER!

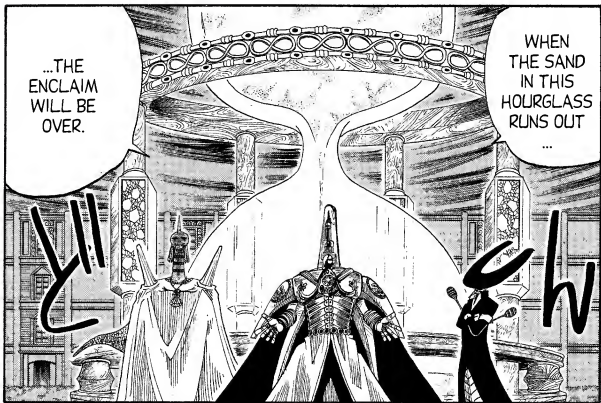
HE
WENT
AFTER
KING!



AND
EVEN IF
YOU DID
MANAGE
TO MAKE
IT PAST
US, IT
WOULD BE
TOO LATE
ANYWAY.

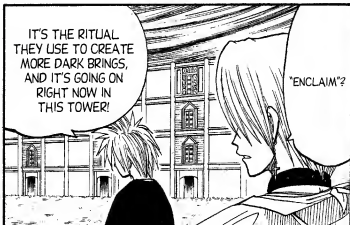


GIVE
IT UP...
YOU DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE.



...THE
ENCLAIM
WILL BE
OVER.

WHEN
THE SAND
IN THIS
HOURGLASS
RUNS OUT
...



IT'S THE RITUAL
THEY USE TO CREATE
MORE DARK BRINGS,
AND IT'S GOING ON
RIGHT NOW IN
THIS TOWER!

"ENCLAIM"?



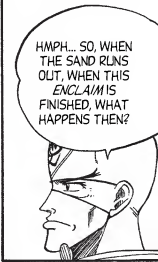
WHERE THE
HECK DID
THAT HOUR-
GLASS COME
FROM? SOME
KIND OF DARK
BRING?



THE
ULTIMATE
DARK
BRING?!



THE
ULTIMATE
DARK BRING
WILL BE
BORN--
END OF
EARTH!



HMPH... SO, WHEN
THE SAND RUNS
OUT, WHEN THIS
ENCLAIM IS
FINISHED, WHAT
HAPPENS THEN?



SO THIS
IS REALLY
IT... "WHEN
TWO WINDS
CONVERGE"!!



THAT VERSE IN THE
REVELATION, "WHEN
TWO WINDS CONVERGE"!
IT'S NOT TALKING ABOUT
HARU AND GALE! IT'S
KING AND HARU'S
FATHER!

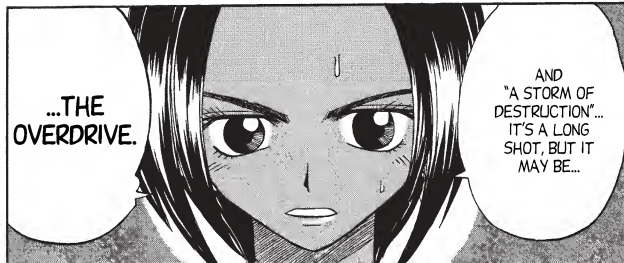


"END OF
EARTH"
...

THE
ULTIMATE
DARK BRING...
TWO GALES...



NO!!



...THE
OVERDRIVE.

AND
"A STORM OF
DESTRUCTION"...
IT'S A LONG
SHOT, BUT IT
MAY BE...

EXACTLY...
END OF EARTH
IS THE ULTIMATE
DARK BRING! IT'S
GOING TO CREATE
ANOTHER
OVERDRIVE.

Ain't that right,
mon capitain?

WE'VE GOTTA
STOP THE ENCLAIM
BEFORE THAT
HOURGLASS
EXPIRES!!

WELL, THEN
LET'S GET
TO IT! LET'S
RUMBLE!

SO KING'S
OUT TO
CAUSE A
SECOND
OVERDRIVE
?!

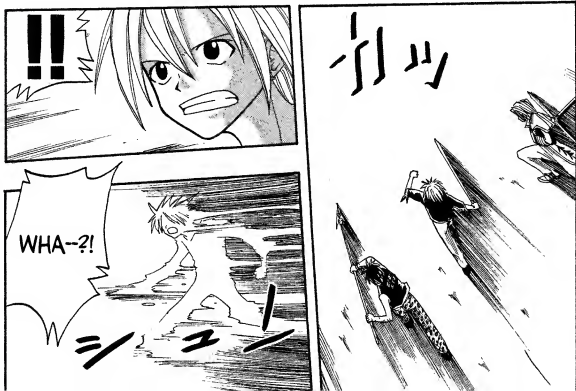
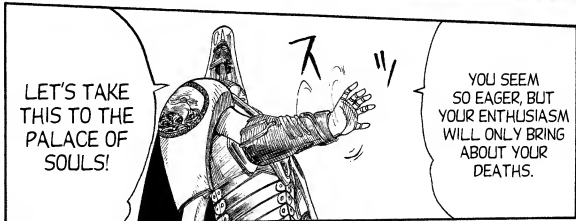
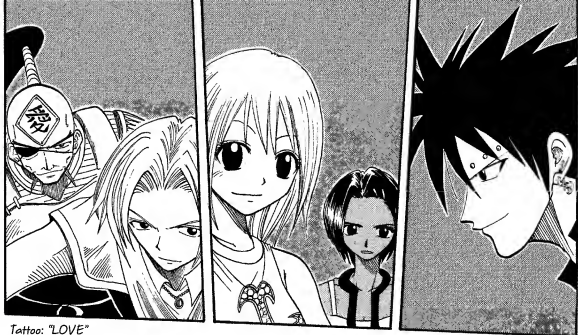
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
DOING?!

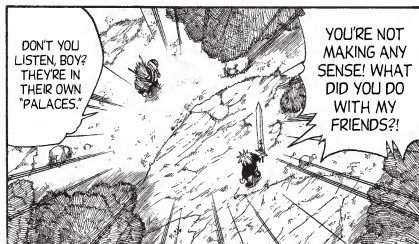
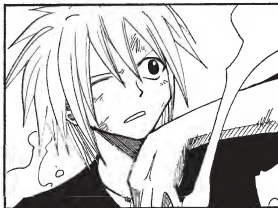
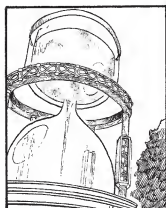
WHY DO
YOU WANT
TO BRING
EVEN MORE
SADNESS TO
THE WORLD?

YOU'RE TOO LATE.
NO ONE CAN STOP THE
ENCLAIM NOW. END OF EARTH
WILL BE FINISHED...AND THEN,
OVERDRIVE WILL DESTROY
YOU ALL.



I WON'T
LET IT
HAPPEN.
THIS
WORLD IS
MY HOME
AND I WILL
PROTECT
IT!

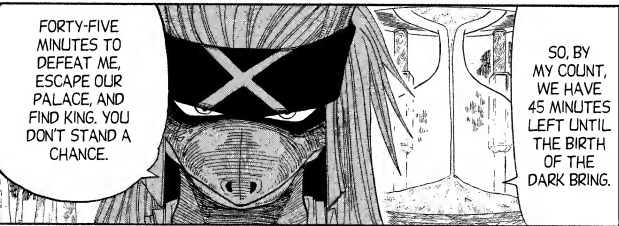






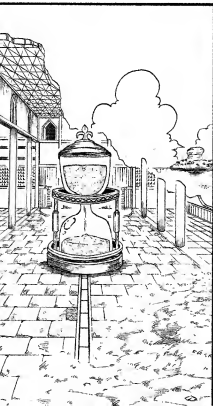
A SMART
PLAN, BUT IT
WON'T WORK.
YOU DON'T
KNOW MY
FRIENDS.

DIVIDE AND
CONQUER...



FORTY-FIVE
MINUTES TO
DEFEAT ME,
ESCAPE OUR
PALACE, AND
FIND KING. YOU
DON'T STAND A
CHANCE.

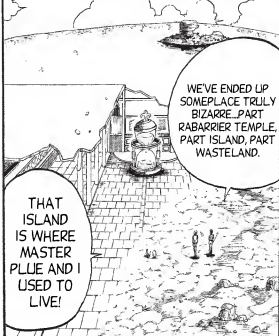
SO, BY
MY COUNT,
WE HAVE
45 MINUTES
LEFT UNTIL
THE BIRTH
OF THE
DARK BRING.



I REALLY
DON'T HAVE TIME
TO MESS WITH
THIS GUY. I NEED
TO TAKE HIM
DOWN AND FIND
MY DAD.



BUT I CAN'T
IGNORE MY SENSE
OF FAIR PLAY.
LET'S START
OVER, THIS TIME,
FAIR AND
SQUARE...



THAT ISLAND IS WHERE MASTER PLUE AND I USED TO LIVE!

WE'VE ENDED UP SOMEPLACE TRULY BIZARRE...PART RABARRIER TEMPLE, PART ISLAND, PART WASTELAND.

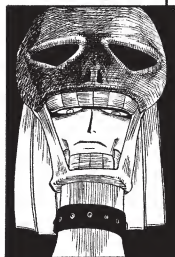


IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THEY'VE SPLIT US UP!

P U N

OKAY, SO LADY REMI AND PLUE ARE ACCOUNTED FOR! WHERE'S EVERYONE ELSE?!

UMMMM, I'M RIGHT HERE!



I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CHOOSY BUT I COULDN'T PICK JUST ONE VICTIM!



MEMORIES FROM ALL OF YOUR SPIRITS HAVE BLENDED TOGETHER TO FORM ONE TWISTED NEW WORLD.



ELIE! YOU KEEP FORGETTING ME!

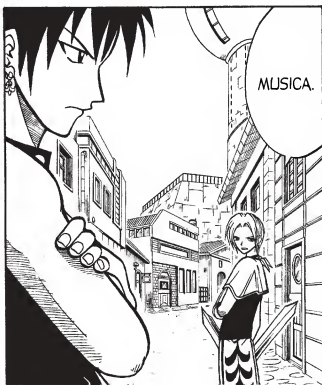
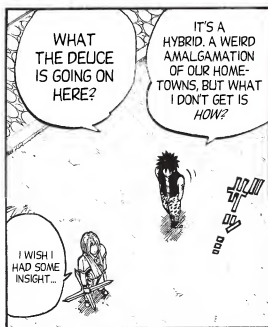
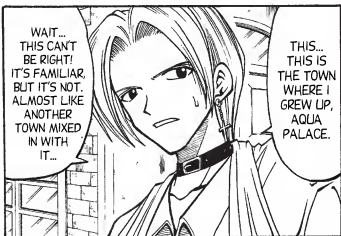
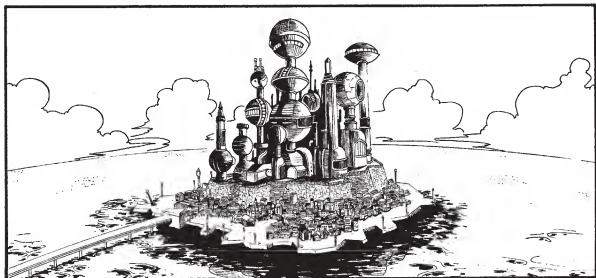
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY THOUGHT WE WERE THE WEAKEST THREE!

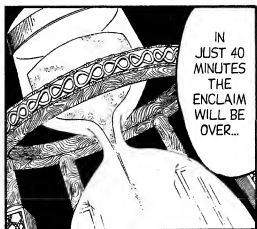
P U N ?!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING... WHERE ARE ALL THE OTHERS?



RAVE:59⊕ INFINITE RESOLVE





IN
JUST 40
MINUTES
THE
ENCLAIM
WILL BE
OVER...



RIGHT...
WE CAN
FIGURE OUT
THE "HOWS"
AND "WHYS"
LATER.

BUT
RIGHT NOW
WE BETTER
FOCUS ON
FINDING A WAY
OUT OF HERE...
I'M WORRIED
ABOUT THE
OTHERS.

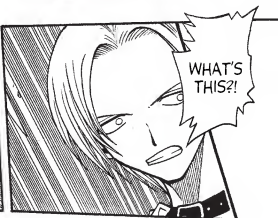


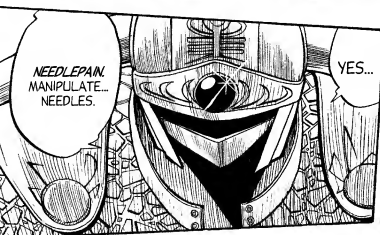
CAN YOU
FEEL THAT?
SOMETHING'S
UP WITH THE
GROUND!

ヒキッ...
ヒキッ...

IT'S GOT
TO BE ONE
OF THE
GUARDIANS

ボコッ

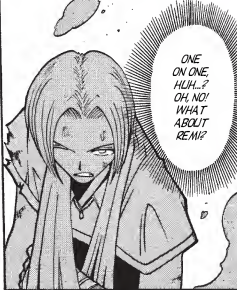






I'M SURE HARU AND THAT OLD SAMURAI DUDE CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, BUT WHAT ABOUT ELIE AND REMI?

MAN, HARU IS GOING TO BE TICKED. SPLITTIN' US UP. WHAT JERKS.



ONE ON ONE, HUH...? OH, NO! WHAT ABOUT REMI?

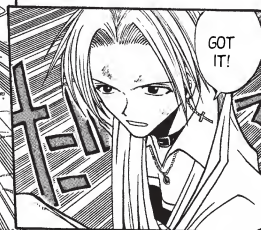


UWHOOAH!



SOLASIDO, I'LL HOLD HIM DOWN, YOU PUT THE HURT ON HIM, OKAY?!

NORMALLY, I'D TAKE DOWN A PUNK LIKE THIS SOLO, BUT THAT TAKES TIME WE DON'T HAVE!



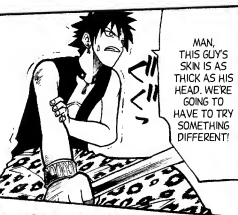
GOT IT!

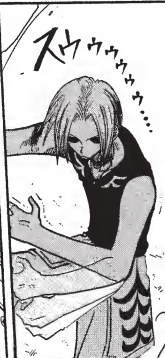
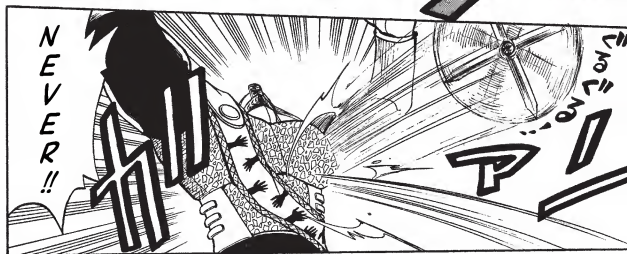
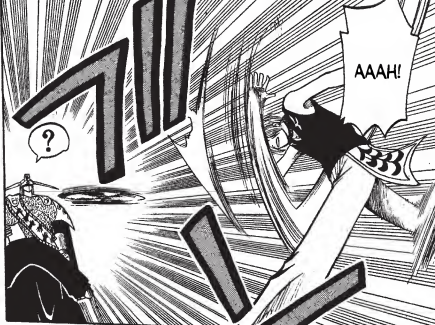
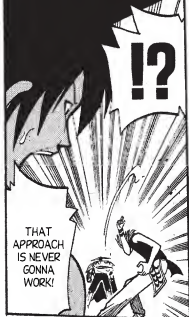


NOW!!



AH! SO YOU'RE A SILVER-CLAIMER!





...TO FACE
YOUR HOLY
JUDGEMENT.

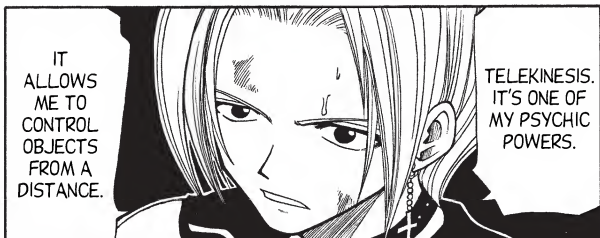
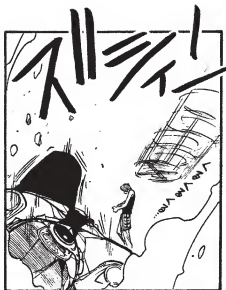
デビルデビル
DEMONOID
MONSTER,
NOW IS THE
TIME...



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S
!

GUWAAAAAH!!

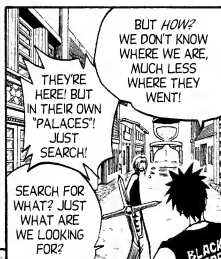




IT'S THE
SAME ONE
AS BEFORE
WE GOT
SEPARATED
...



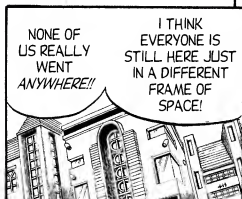
THAT
HOUR-
GLASS
....



THEY'RE
HERE! BUT
IN THEIR OWN
"PALACES"!
JUST
SEARCH!

SEARCH FOR
WHAT? JUST
WHAT ARE
WE LOOKING
FOR?

BUT HOW?
WE DON'T KNOW
WHERE WE ARE,
MUCH LESS
WHERE THEY
WENT!



NONE OF
US REALLY
WENT
ANYWHERE!!

I THINK
EVERYONE IS
STILL HERE JUST
IN A DIFFERENT
FRAME OF
SPACE!



I DON'T THINK
WE'VE GONE
ANYWHERE.

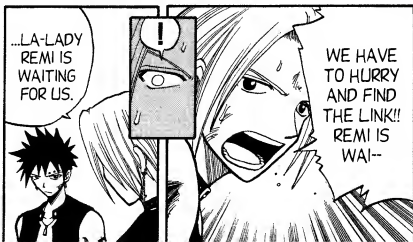


I GET
IT... NICE
THINKING...

THIS TOWN,
THIS "AMALGAM"
AS YOU CALLED
IT, IT HAS TO BE
LINKED TO THE
OTHERS.



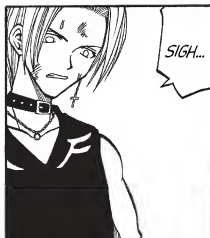
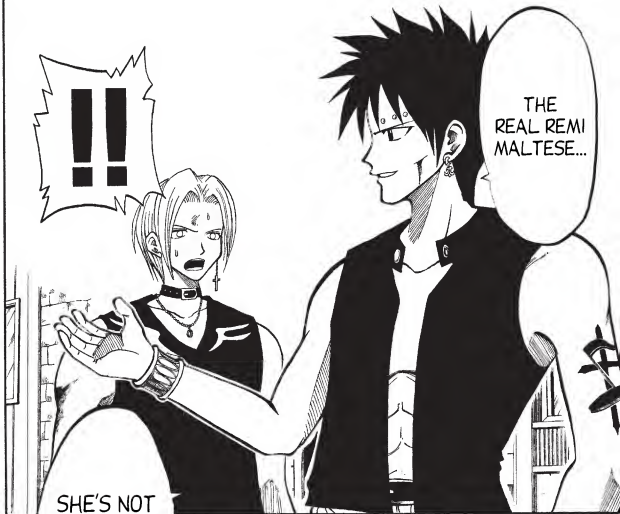
DON'T
TAKE THIS
THE WRONG WAY,
I MEAN YOU'RE A
BRIGHT GUY, BUT,
MAN, ARE YOU A
LOUSY LIAR.
WE'VE KNOWN
SOMETHING
WAS UP FOR
AWHILE.

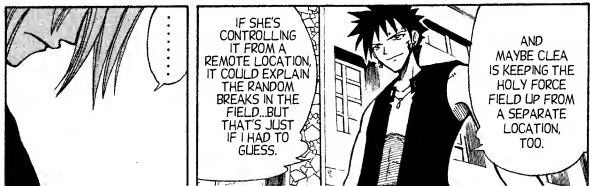
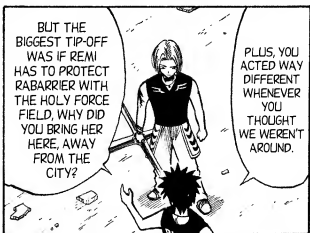
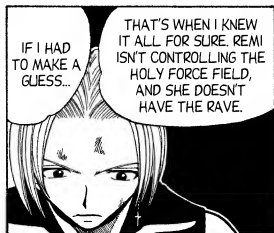
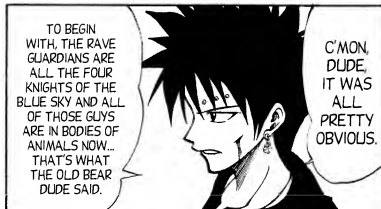


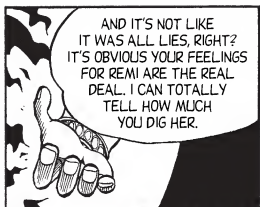
...LA-LADY
REMI IS
WAITING
FOR US.



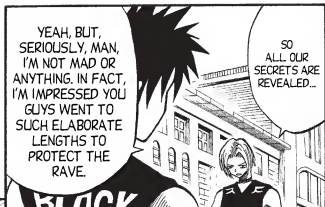
WE HAVE
TO HURRY
AND FIND
THE LINK!!
REMI IS
WAI--





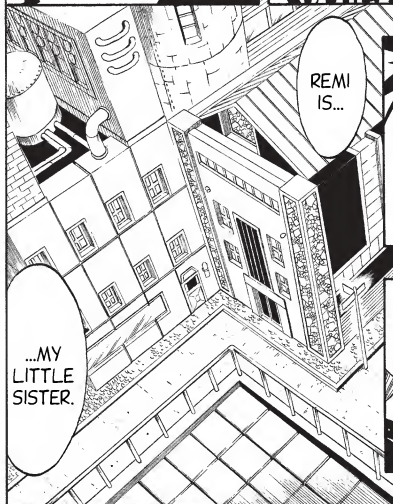


AND IT'S NOT LIKE
IT WAS ALL LIES, RIGHT?
IT'S OBVIOUS YOUR FEELINGS
FOR REMI ARE THE REAL
DEAL. I CAN TOTALLY
TELL HOW MUCH
YOU DIG HER.



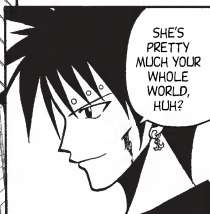
YEAH, BUT,
SERIOUSLY, MAN,
I'M NOT MAD OR
ANYTHING. IN FACT,
I'M IMPRESSED YOU
GUYS WENT TO
SUCH ELABORATE
LENGTHS TO
PROTECT THE
RAVE.

SO
ALL OUR
SECRETS ARE
REVEALED...

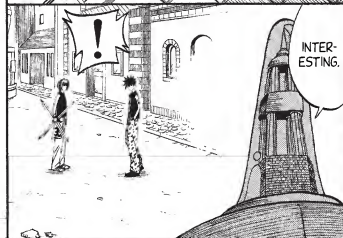
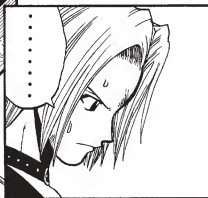


REMI
IS...

...MY
LITTLE
SISTER.



SHE'S
PRETTY
MUCH YOUR
WHOLE
WORLD,
HUH?



INTER-
ESTING.



MAN, THESE
PEOPLE TAKE
IT ALL SO
SERIOUSLY.

SISTER...?
OOOOKAY,
DONT KNOW
IT ALL AFTER
ALL SO
SIBLINGS
HAVE BEEN
PROTECTING
THE RAVE
ALL THIS
TIME?

AND SHE'S YOUR SISTER... WHAT AN INTERESTING INSIGHT INTO OUR LITTLE CONFLICT, MY FRIEND.

SO, REMI MALTESE IS A FAKE... AND SHE DOES NOT POSSESS THE RAVE...?

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THE TWO OF US ARE CAPABLE OF BEATING HIM!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! ESPECIALLY NOT FOR THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDIANS!

CHECK OUT THE CRANIUM ON THAT DUDE.

CAPTAIN OF THE FIVE PALACE GUARDIANS, L'TRIANGLE, THE DEAD ANGLE.

ELIE AND PLUE ARE WITH HER TOO?!

I CHOSE TO LEAVE THE FATES OF THE TWO WOMEN AND THOSE ANIMALS UP TO MY MOST BRUTAL AND COLD-HEARTED GUARDIAN, RIONETTE.

RELAX, SOLASIDO... YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR SISTER ANYMORE. BY NOW SHE IS ALMOST ASSUREDLY DEAD...

GOD SAVE THE

フウウウ

THEY WERE.
NOW THEY'RE
SURELY
DEAD...

DUDE,
ARE YOU
OKAY?

UH-
UGH...

DON'T
COUNT
HIM
OUT
YET,
MAN!

G
A
A
H
!!

JUST
LIKE
YOUR
OTHER
COM-
RADE.

PLEASE! YOUR
POSTURING MEANS
NOTHING! YOU DEFEATED
RON! SO WHAT? HE WAS
ABOUT TO BE DEMOTED
ANYWAY.

SO YOU
DID THIS
TO HIM,
LT. ANGLE?



YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS THE TRUE POWER OF THE PALACE GUARDIANS.

NOW YOU'RE NOT UP AGAINST A MERE GRUNT.



DUDE, LISTEN. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN SAVE THE GIRLS. I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.



WAKE UP, MUSICA!! EVEN IF WE STAND TOGETHER WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DEFEAT SUCH A POWERFUL FOE!

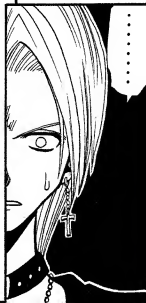


SOLASIDO... GO FIND REMI AND THE OTHERS. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS GUY.

THIS PLACE IS LINKED SOMEHOW, RIGHT?! FIND THAT LINK AND FIND OUR FRIENDS!



REMI AND ELIE NEED YOU, MAN. GO!



JUST HURRY!!!



GIVE
ME A
LITTLE
CREDIT.

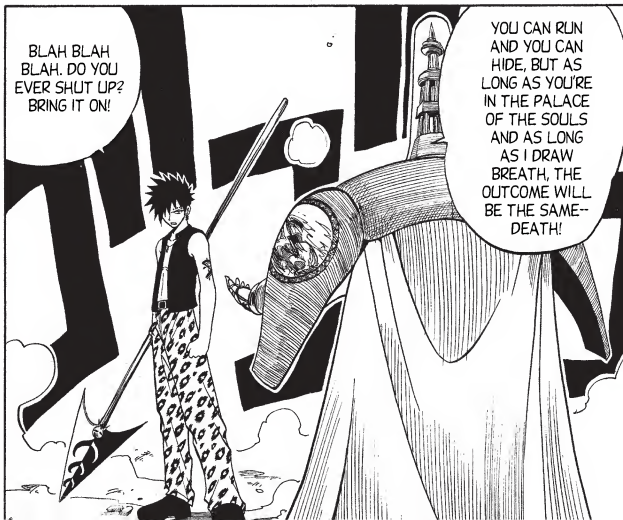


KUGH
...

FINE, BUT
DON'T GET
YOURSELF
KILLED!

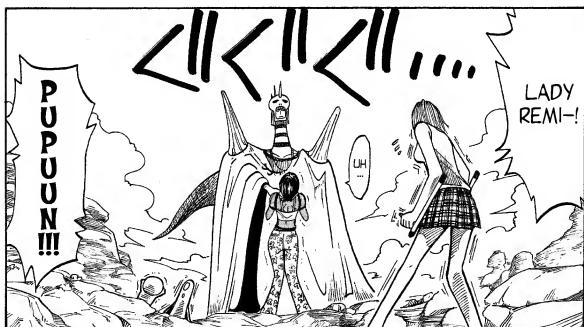
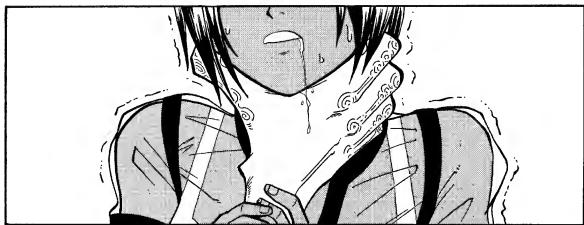


I'M
LIKE
HARU.
I'M NOT
GOIN'
DOWN.



BLAH BLAH
BLAH. DO YOU
EVER SHUT UP?
BRING IT ON!

YOU CAN RUN
AND YOU CAN
HIDE, BUT AS
LONG AS YOU'RE
IN THE PALACE
OF THE SOULS
AND AS LONG
AS I DRAW
BREATH, THE
OUTCOME WILL
BE THE SAME-
DEATH!





LADY
REMI
-!

JUST
SIT STILL.
YOU'LL GET
YOUR TURN
ONCE I'M
DONE WITH
THIS ONE!



OUR
SHADOWS
?!

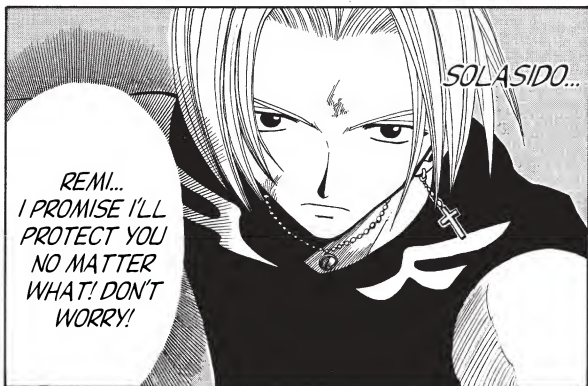
YES!
HA! MY DARK
BRING, *SHADOW
DOLL*, GRANTS
ME THE POWER
TO CONTROL
PEOPLE
THROUGH THEIR
SHADOWS.

HA HA HA
HA HA HA!
I'M STEPPING
ON YOUR
SHADOWS.



...HELP
ME...

HE...
HELP--



SOLASIDO...

REMI...
I PROMISE I'LL
PROTECT YOU
NO MATTER
WHAT! DON'T
WORRY!

RAVE MASTER

© GALE GLORY

GALE SYMPHONIA
GLORY VI,
HEIR OF SYMPHONIA,
COUNTRY OF RAVE.
FATHER TO HARU.



VS

EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN
THE PAST BETWEEN THESE TWO?

© KING

GALE RAREGROOVE,
HEIR OF RAREGROOVE EMPIRE.
CURRENTLY SUPREME
COMMANDER OF DEMON
CARD. CARRIES FIVE
DARK BRINGS.



DIN TOWER

PALACE OF
SOULS

HURRY
AND COME
HELP ME!

WANTS TO CATCH UP
TO DAD AND JOIN HIM!

40 MINUTES LEFT
UNTIL THE ULTIMATE DARK
BRING IS COMPLETE!



© RACAS

WHERE IS HE?



© HARU

IN HIS WAY

VS

← WANTS A FIGHT



© LET

© SOLASIDO



© MUSICA

VS

© L'TIANGLE CAPTAIN



© RON-DOWN



© FUA-DOWN

HEADS TO HELP
(PSYCHICALLY
LINKED?)

SIBLINGS



© CLEA MALTESE
ONE OF FOUR KNIGHTS
OF THE BLUE SKY. HAS RAVE?



© REMI
BLUFFED TO HIDE
THE REAL MALTESE.



© ELIE
HAS FAINT
RECOLLECTION
OF DIN TOWER.

© PLUE



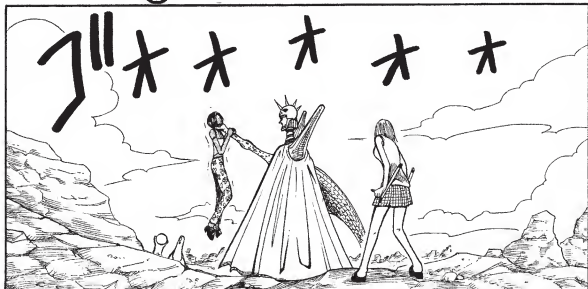
© GRIFF

VS



© RIONETTE

RAVE:60 ⊕ THOUGHTS OF TOMORROW



THIS IS IT...I'M
SORRY I LIED TO
EVERYONE...
EVEN IF IT WAS
TO PROTECT
THE RAVE...

I'M SO
SORRY...I
CAN'T GO
ON ANY
LONGER...



BACK
HOME...



WE WERE
SUPPOSED TO
GO BACK TO
THE HOUSE
WHERE WE
WERE BORN...



AND...
I'M SORRY,
SOLASIDO...
MY DEAR
BROTHER...
I DON'T THINK
I'LL BE ABLE
TO KEEP MY
PROMISE...



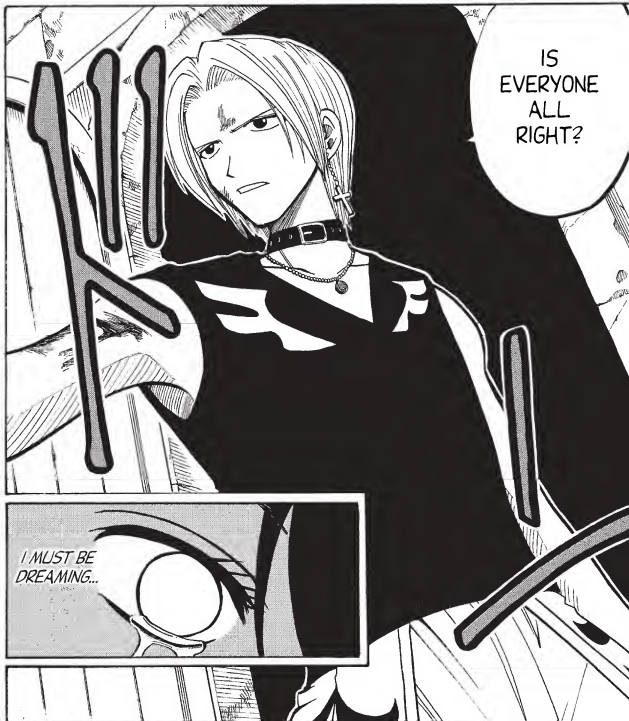
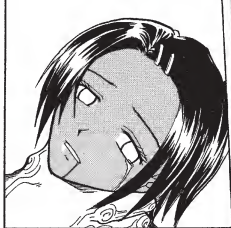
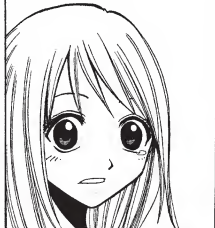
BROTHER...

THAT'S RIGHT...
THIS PLACE
SHOWS PEOPLE
THE PLACES
INSIDE THEIR
VERY SOULS... SO
THIS IS IT...MY
FINAL RESTING
PLACE...



IS
THAT
OUR
HOUSE?

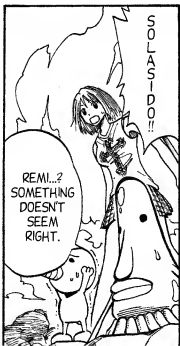
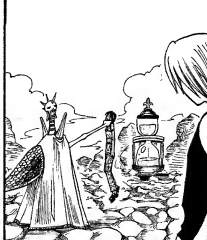




IS
EVERYONE
ALL
RIGHT?



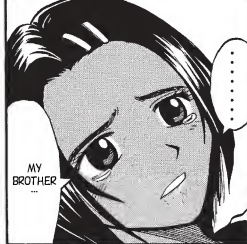
I MUST BE
DREAMING...





W H A A A A T ?

BROTHER?



MY BROTHER ...

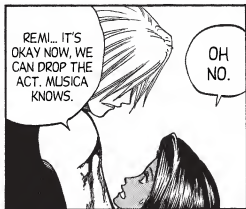


REMI!
ARE YOU
OKAY?!



I'M
JUST
GLAD
YOU'RE
HERE.

BUT...



REMI... IT'S
OKAY NOW, WE
CAN DROP THE
ACT. MUSICA
KNOWS.

OH
NO.

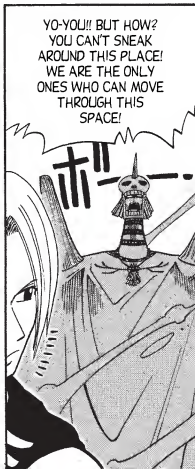


...SO I KNEW
SHE HAD
THIS SAME
PLACE
WITHIN
HER.

Give her
first aid.
PUSH ON

Master
Pine...
Now is
the time...
D

REMI
AND I ARE
BROTHER
AND
SISTER...



YO-YOU!! BUT HOW?
YOU CAN'T SNEAK
AROUND THIS PLACE!
WE ARE THE ONLY
ONES WHO CAN MOVE
THROUGH THIS
SPACE!

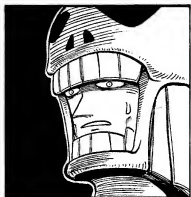
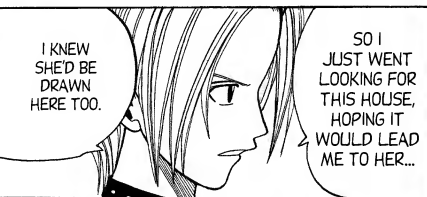
THAT
WAS
THE LINK
BETWEEN
OUR
SPACES.

THIS IS
THE HOUSE
WE WERE
BORN IN.



I KNEW
SHE'D BE
DRAWN
HERE TOO.

SO I
JUST WENT
LOOKING FOR
THIS HOUSE,
HOPING IT
WOULD LEAD
ME TO HER...



I'LL
FINISH
YOU ALL
MYSELF
IF I HAVE
TO!

UURGH...
IT DOESN'T
MATTER! TWO
OF YOU! TEN OF
YOU! YOU'LL
STILL DIE
TODAY!





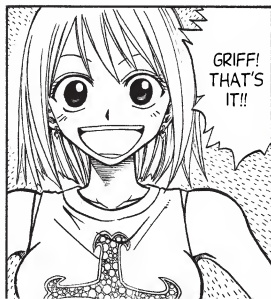
I DON'T
THINK SO.
YOU HURT MY
SISTER. YOUR
PUNISHMENT...

...SHALL
BE WORSE
THAN YOU
CAN EVEN
IMAGINE!



OF COURSE,
HARU'S THE
ONLY ONE
THAT CAN
REALLY DO
THAT...

FINE!
WHAT IF WE
DESTROYED HIS
DARK BRING?



GRIFF!
THAT'S
IT!!



DARK
BRING
...

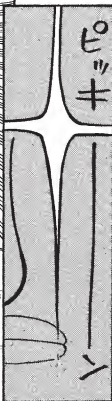
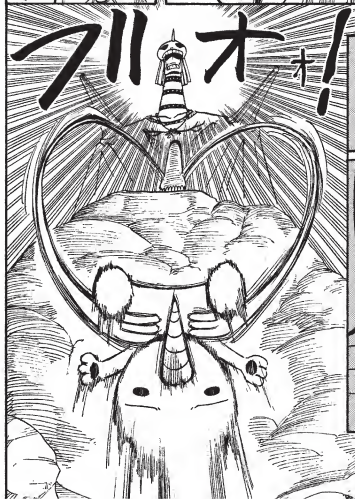
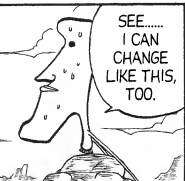
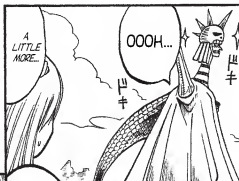
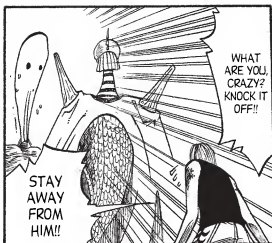


MISS ELIE!!
WE NEED A PLAN!
HOW CAN WE
DEFEAT HIM?

I THINK
YOU SHOULD
DISTRACT HIM
BY ACTING
ALL FLIRTY!

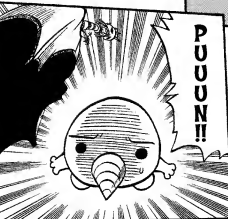
UH, NO.
I DON'T
THINK
SO.







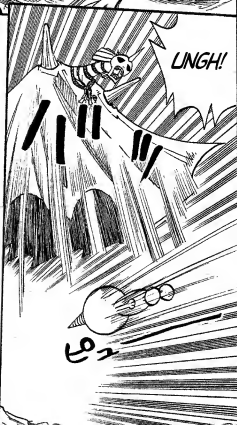
YOU
CAN DO IT,
MASTER
PLUE!!



PUUN!!



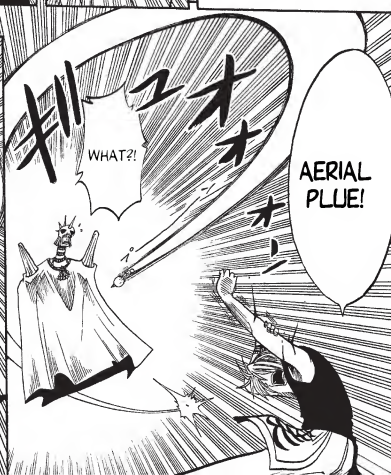
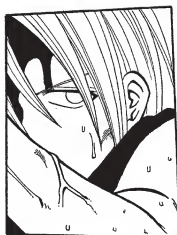
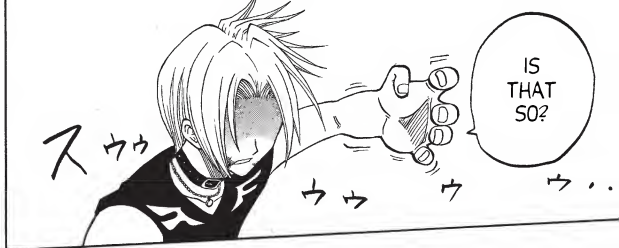
AH!



LINGH!



IT CAN'T BE...
YOUR NOSE,
MASTER PLUE,
IS SUPPOSED
TO BE ABLE
TO DESTROY
DARK BRINGS!

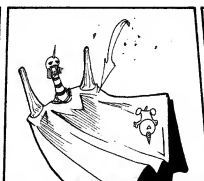




RELAX,
I'LL
TAKE
IT...



...I DON'T
THINK I
HAVE THE
STRENGTH
TO FINISH
HIM OFF...

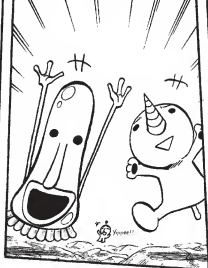


HE'S
STUCK
IN THIS
FORM! NO
MORE
SHADOWS!

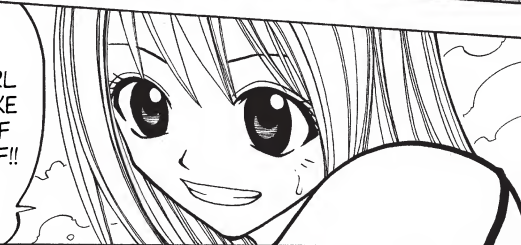
WE
DID
IT!



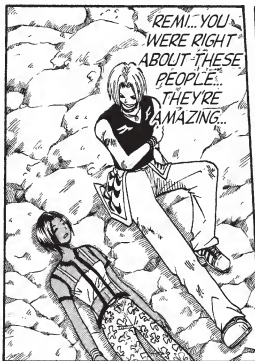
...
FROM
HERE
!!!



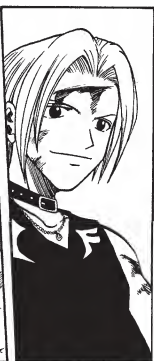
THIS GIRL
CAN TAKE
CARE OF
HERSELF!!



RON AND
RIONETTE
ARE ALREADY
DOWN... THAT
LEAVES THREE
MORE PALACE
GUARDIANS... I
HAVE A FEELING
THEY WON'T BE
SO EASY.



REMI... YOU
WERE RIGHT
ABOUT THESE
PEOPLE...
THEY'RE
AMAZING...





TWO
ARE
DOWN
FOR THE
COUNT...



WA-
WAIT A
SECOND
...



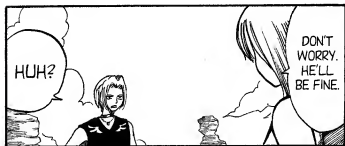
I'VE GOT
A BAAAD
FEELING
ABOUT
THIS...



PLUS
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
IDEA HOW
TO GET TO
HARU'S
AREA.

THIS
ISN'T GOOD.
THAT MEANS
HARU IS
TRAPPED WITH
TWO OF THE
GUARDIANS. I
KNOW HE'S
STRONG BUT
THESE GUYS
ARE NO
PUFFS.

AND
MUSICA
IS DEALING
WITH THE
CAPTAIN...
BUT THAT
STILL
LEAVES
TWO...

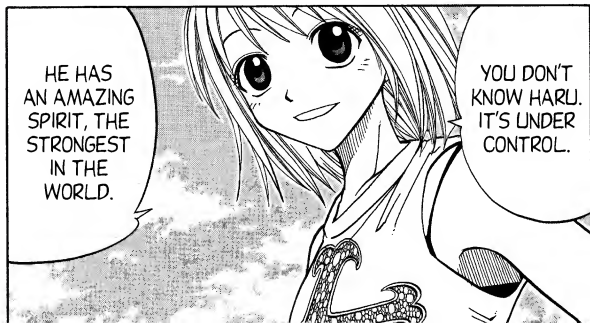


HUH?

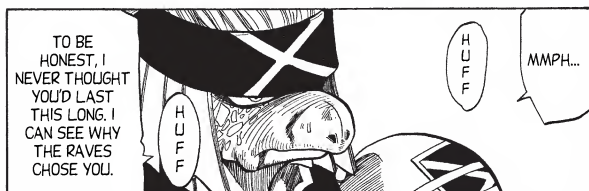
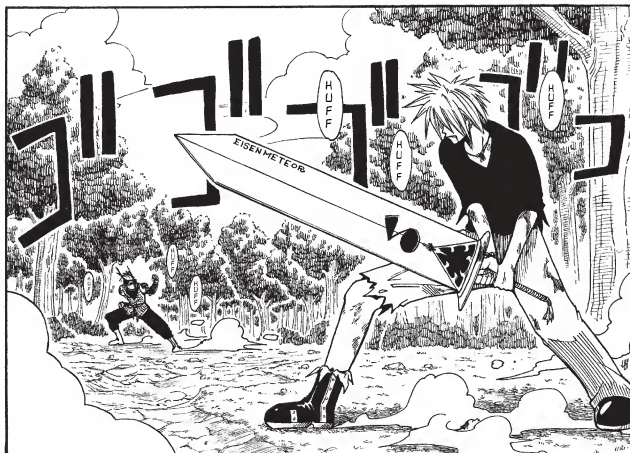
DON'T
WORRY.
HE'LL
BE FINE.



HE HAS
AN AMAZING
SPIRIT, THE
STRONGEST
IN THE
WORLD.



YOU DON'T
KNOW HARU.
IT'S UNDER
CONTROL.





I HAVE
NO USE
FOR
SUCH
DISHON-
ORABLE
TOOLS!



FEH!

THERE'S ONE
THING I DON'T
GET. WHY HAVEN'T
YOU PULLED A
DARK BRING?



DUDE, YOU'RE
WITH *DEMON CARD*!
SINCE WHEN ARE
YOU CONCERNED
WITH "HONOR" AND
"FAIR FIGHTS"?
TALK ABOUT
MESSED UP...

DISHONORABLE?



DEMON CARD IS MERELY A
TOOL THAT ALLOWS ME TO
FIND NEW RIVALS AND NEW
OPPORTUNITIES TO TEST MY
SKILLS AGAINST WORTHY
ADVERSARIES.

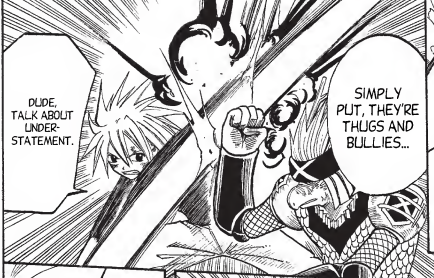
I JUST IGNORE THE
DARK BRINGS. THEY
ARE IRRELEVANT TO
MY EXISTENCE.



BUT IF YOU'RE
SO CONCERNED
WITH "FAIR" AND
"HONORABLE" WHY
WORK FOR
DEMON CARD?



YOU ARE
YOUNG AND DO
NOT UNDERSTAND.
I AM SIMPLY A
WARRIOR ON A
QUEST FOR
WORTHY
OPPONENTS.



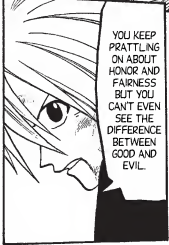
DUDE,
TALK ABOUT
UNDER-
STATEMENT.

SIMPLY
PUT, THEY'RE
THUGS AND
BULLIES...

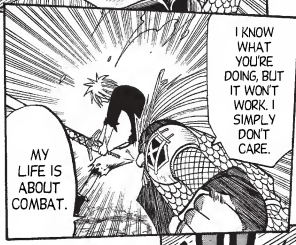


I DON'T GET
IT! DON'T
YOU KNOW
WHAT KIND
OF PEOPLE
RUN DEMON
CARD?

I SUP-
POSE.

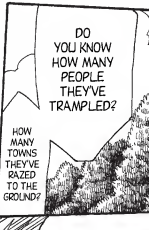


YOU KEEP
PRATTLING
ON ABOUT
HONOR AND
FAIRNESS
BUT YOU
CAN'T EVEN
SEE THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
GOOD AND
EVIL.



MY
LIFE IS
ABOUT
COMBAT.

I KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING, BUT
IT WON'T
WORK. I
SIMPLY
DON'T
CARE.



DO
YOU KNOW
HOW MANY
PEOPLE
THEY'VE
TRAMPLED?

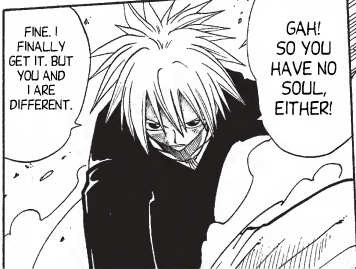
HOW
MANY
TOWNS
THEY'VE
RAZED TO
THE
GROUND?



THERE ARE
REALLY ONLY
TWO SIDES IN
BATTLE. WHO
LIVES AND
WHO DIES.



GOOD.
EVIL. IT'S
IRRELEVANT.
THE BATTLE
IS WHAT
MATTERS...



FINE. I
FINALLY
GET IT. BUT
YOU AND
I ARE
DIFFERENT.

GAH!
SO YOU
HAVE NO
SOUL,
EITHER!



LIFE.
DEATH.
COMBAT.
THAT'S
WHAT
MATTERS.



I CAN
FIGHT
BECAUSE
I HAVE
SPIRIT.



I HAVE
NO LOVE
FOR
COMBAT.



UGH...

AND
THAT
IS WHAT
MAKES
YOU
WEAK!



I SEE THE
WORLD AS
IT *SHOULD*
BE.

MY
SPIRIT
IS WHY
I'LL
WIN.

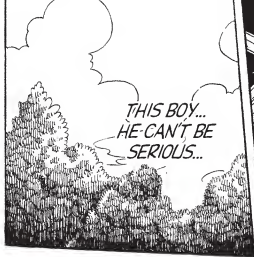


BUT I
FIGHT ON...
AS THE RAVE
MASTER AND
AS A *HUMAN*
BEING...



THIS
WILL BE A
PEACEFUL
WORLD
WHERE PEOPLE
CAN LIVE IN
LAUGHTER.

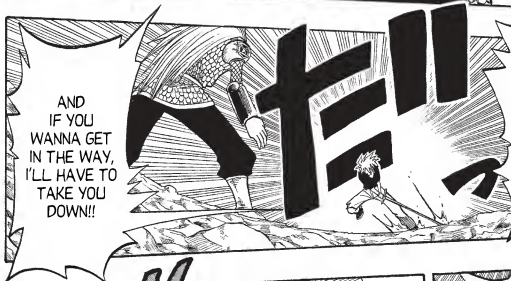
AND I'LL
MAKE IT
THAT WAY,
I PROMISE
YOU...



THIS BOY...
HE CAN'T BE
SERIOUS...

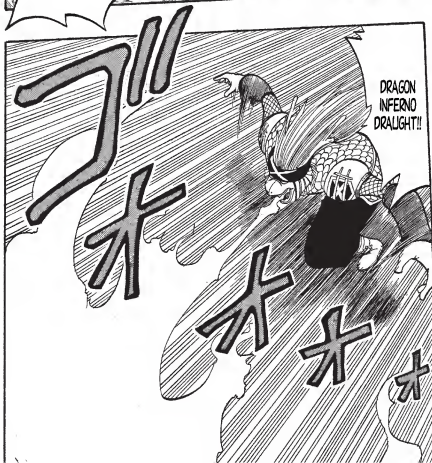


THE WORLD...



AND
IF YOU
WANNA GET
IN THE WAY,
I'LL HAVE TO
TAKE YOU
DOWN!!

IT'S
THAT
SPIRIT
THAT
WILL
PROPEL
ME TO
VICTORY!!



DRAGON
INFERNO
DRAUGHT!!

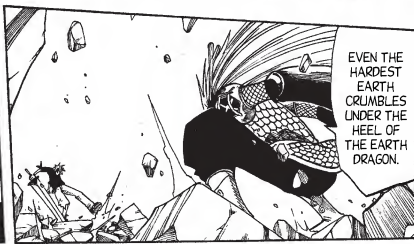


DON'T MAKE
ME LAUGH, SON!!
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN
SEEN THE DRAGON
TECHNIQUES THAT
HAVE BEEN HANDED
DOWN TO ME FROM
THE GENERATIONS
BEFORE!





I ADMIRE
YOUR
SKILL....

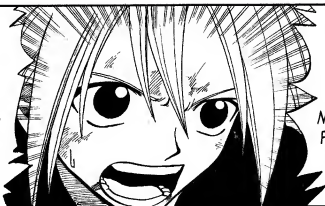


EVEN THE
HARDEST
EARTH
CRUMBLES
UNDER THE
HEEL OF
THE EARTH
DRAGON.



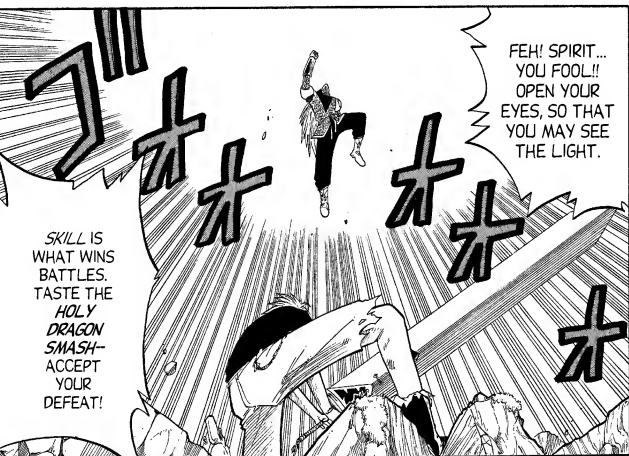
...BUT IN
BATTLE,
THERE IS NO
USE FOR
"SPIRIT."

I HAVE
A REASON
TO FIGHT!



YOU'RE
WRONG! IT
COULDN'T BE
MORE IMPORTANT!
FAMILY, FRIENDS,
THE WORLD!!

SKILL IS
WHAT WINS
BATTLES.
TASTE THE
HOLY
DRAGON
SMASH—
ACCEPT
YOUR
DEFEAT!



FEH! SPIRIT...
YOU FOOL!!
OPEN YOUR
EYES, SO THAT
YOU MAY SEE
THE LIGHT.

ART
OF THE
EXPLODING
BLADE...



SECRET
ART...



EXPLOSION
MAD
DANCE!

HOLY
DRAGON
SPREAD
TIGER!

HUH?

MY TEN
POWERS
...IT...IT
BROKE...

EXPLOSION

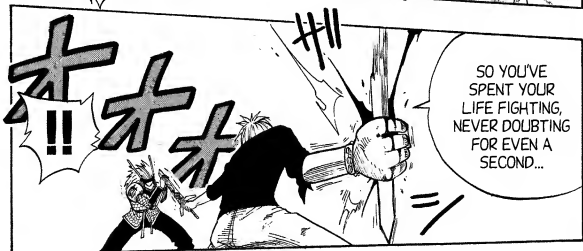


YOU
CAN'T
POSSIBLY
FIGHT
WITH A
BROKEN
BLADE!

加!!
JUST
ACCEPT
YOUR
DEFEAT
WITH
HONOR!



POOR
BOY. I'VE
SPENT MY
LIFE ON THE
BATTLE
FIELD. YOU
NEVER
STOOD A
CHANCE.



SO YOU'VE
SPENT YOUR
LIFE FIGHTING,
NEVER DOUBTING
FOR EVEN A
SECOND...

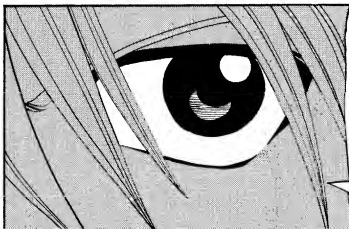
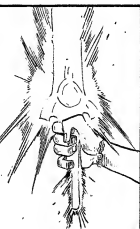


WH-
WHAT
THE-?!



I'M
SURE
YOU'D
SEE...

IF YOU
OPENED
YOUR EYES,
EVEN A
LITTLE...



...THE
TRUE
MEANING
OF LIFE!!!



YOU
HAVE
TWO
SWORDS?!

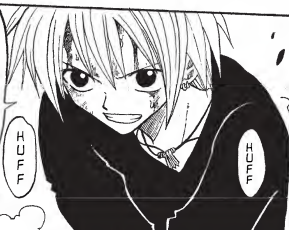
THE
DOUBLE
DRAGON
SWORD,
BLUE
CRIMSON!

SO
IT DIDN'T
BREAK? IT
JUST SPLIT
IN TWO?



THE TEN
POWERS'
ONLY DOUBLE
SWORD FORM.
WITH IT, I CAN
WIELD BOTH
A SWORD OF
FLAME AND
A SWORD OF
ICE ALL AT
ONCE!

HUFF



HUFF

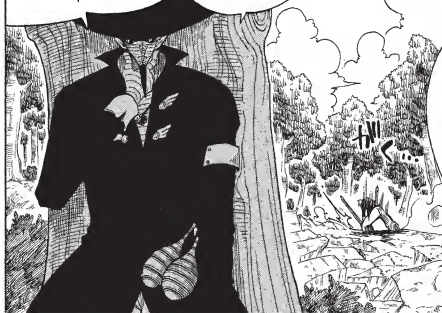
BLUE
CRIMSON,
THE FIFTH
FORM
OF THE TEN
POWERS.

HUFF

BUT THE BUCK
STOPS HERE. THE
STRONGER YOU COME
ON, THE STRONGER I
COME BACK...

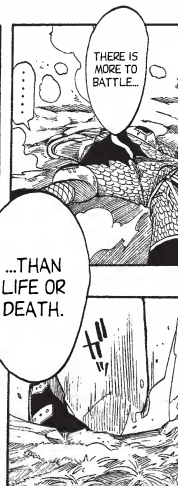
Ain't that right,
mon capitain?

I GOTTA SAY,
AMIGO...I NEVER
IMAGINED LET
WOULD EVER
LOSE...



THERE IS
MORE TO
BATTLE...

...THAN
LIFE OR
DEATH.

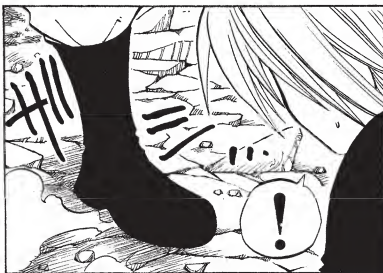
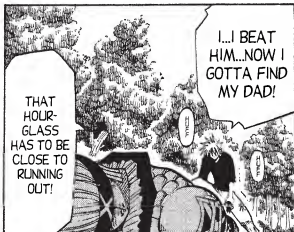
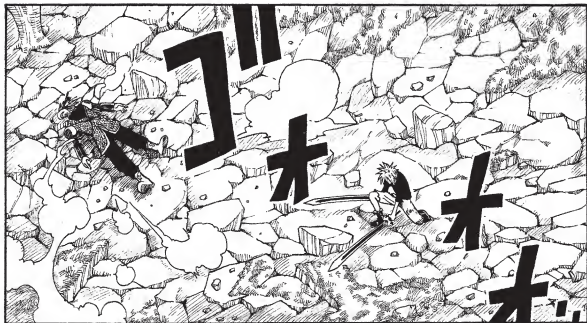


RAVE

(MASTER)



RAVE:61+ UNYIELDING FAITH





NOT IN
ONE PIECE,
ANYWAY.

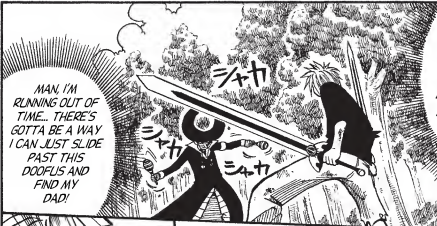
SORRY,
AMIGO. YOU
AIN'T GOIN'
NOWHERE.

LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU'VE GOT,
BOY... LET'S
DANCE!

MAN,
OH, MAN...
HERE WE
GO AGAIN...

HE
MUST'VE
BEEN HIDING,
WAITING
FOR LET TO
FINISH ME
OFF!





MAN, I'M
RUNNING OUT OF
TIME... THERE'S
GOTTA BE A WAY
I CAN JUST SLIDE
PAST THIS
DOOFUS AND
FIND MY
DAD!

HOLD UP! THIS
IS THAT COPY-CAT
DUDE... WHICH
MEANS HE CAN'T DO
ANYTHING, UNLESS I
ATTACK FIRST!



YOU
AND I ARE
GONNA
HAVE A
LITTLE
FUN!

LEAVING
SO SOON?
NO WAY,
JOSE.



HA HA HA HA... IF I
COULDN'T READ YOUR
MIND MUCHACHO THERE'S
NO WAY I COULD BE
THIS SMOOTH...

SMOOTH?
ARE YOU
NUTS?

BUT...BUT
HOW DID YOU
KNOW-?!



I'M GOING
TO HAVE TO
MAKE SURE
MY ATTACK
CATCHES HIM
COMPLETELY
OFF GUARD!

OKAY, IF
I'M GOING
TO TAKE
THIS IDIOT
DOWN...

C'MON,
MUCHA-
CHO...
LET'S
DO IT!



HE'S NOT
LEAVING ME
WITH ANY
OPENINGS... I
DON'T HAVE
ANY OTHER
CHOICE...

SMOKE BLAST!



LET'S SEE HIM BLOCK A LIGHTNING FAST ATTACK THAT HE CAN'T SEE!

WELL...
I GOT TO
SAY, I'M
MUCHO
IMPRESSED.

YOU'RE
KEEPING YOUR
TEMPO UP,
BUT I CAN
MATCH THAT
MOVE...



RIGHT
BACK
AT YOU
THREE
TIMES!!
TRIPLE
REVENGER
!!!



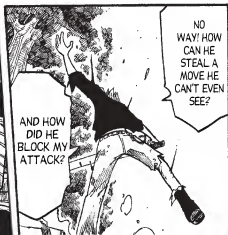
GUWAH!!



BUT,
THAT'S
IMPOSS-
IBLE..

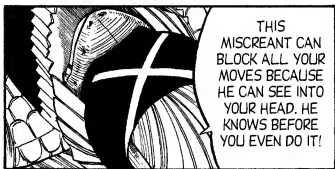
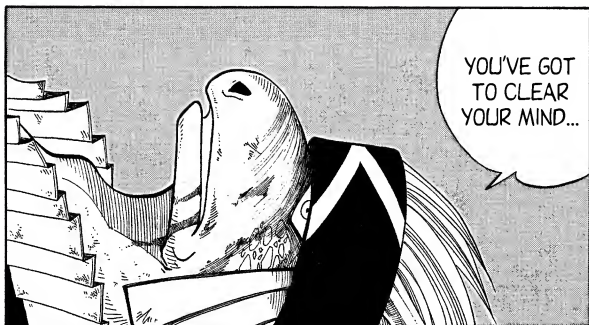


TOUGH
LUCK,
AMIGO.



NO
WAY! HOW
CAN HE
STEAL A
MOVE HE
CAN'T EVEN
SEE?

AND HOW
DID HE
BLOCK MY
ATTACK?







THAT
SILVERCLAIMER
FRIEND OF YOURS IS
PROBABLY GETTING
HIS POSADERAS
HANDS TO HIM
RIGHT THIS SECOND,
IF I HAD TO TAKE
A GUESS...

YOU JUST DON'T
GET IT. IT DOESN'T
MATTER HOW MANY OF US
YOU KNOCK DOWN, AS
LONG AS EL CAPITAN IS
ALIVE, YOU'RE ALL IN BIG
TIME TROUBLE.

HE'S
GOT THE
STRENGTH
OF TEN
MEN. YOUR
FRIEND
DOESN'T
STAND A
CHANCE!

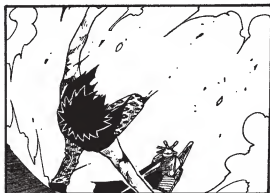
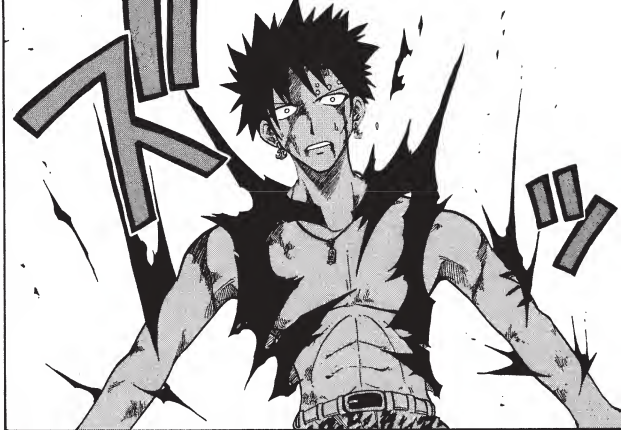
YOU'RE
LOCO! EL
CAPITAN
IS UNBEAT-
ABLE...

MUSICA AND
I VERSUS THE
TWO OF YOU?
WE'LL BE ON
OUR WAY TO
HELP OUT MY
DAD IN NO
TIME!

HA HA HA!
YOU MEAN
MUSICA?
THAT GUY
IS WAY
TOUGHER
THAN YOUR
CREEPY
CAPTAIN!

THERE'S
NO WAY
HE CAN
LOSE!

DUDE, YOU
DON'T HAVE
A CLUE.
MUSICA IS
THE TOUGHEST
GUY I KNOW.





WHA--?!
WHERE
ARE HIS
ATTACKS?

HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO
FIGHT THIS
GUY IF I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT HIS
DARK BRING
DOES?

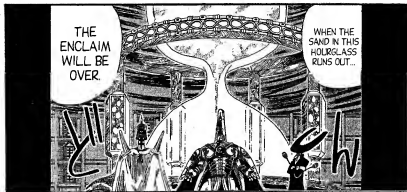
A MONSTER...? NOT
HARDLY. I THINK KING
COMES MUCH CLOSER
TO FITTING THAT
BILL.



I
CAN'T
SEE
'EM...



OKAY, I GET
IT...I KNOW
WHAT YOUR
DARK BRING
CAN DO!



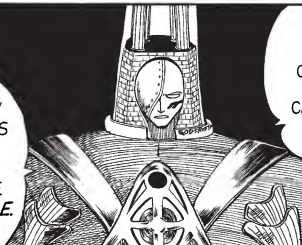
THE
ENCLAIM
WILL BE
OVER.

WHEN THE
SAND IN THIS
HOURGLASS
RUNS OUT...



YOUR
WEAPONS
ARE AS
TRANSPARENT
AS YOUR
ATTITUDE!

YOU
CAN USE IT
TO MAKE
THINGS
INVISIBLE!

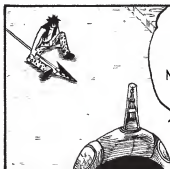


WITH IT, EVERY
ANGLE BECOMES
A BLIND SPOT.
THAT IS WHY
THEY CALL ME
THE *DEAD* ANGLE.

HA! DEDUCTIVE
REASONING AND A
CLEVER TONGUE! YES,
THIS DARK BRING IS
CALLED *TRANSPARENT*
AND INVISIBILITY IS
ITS POWER.



DUDE,
JUST KNOWING
THAT YOU HAVE
A WEAPON GIVES
ME AN EDGE...



SADLY,
KNOWING OF MY
POWER WILL DO
NOTHING TO HELP
YOU COUNTER
IT!



THIS AIN'T
OVER.
NOT EVEN
CLOSE.

WHY FIGHT
SO HARD FOR
THE LITTLE
RAVE
MASTER?

I ADMIRE
YOUR GUSTO,
BUT WHERE
DOES IT COME
FROM?

GOD SAVE THE KING

WHY BOTHER TO
FIGHT ON? A SMART
BOY LIKE YOU MUST
KNOW WHEN HE IS
FINISHED.



...I KNOW
HARU NEEDS
YOU TO GO
DOWN AND
ALL...

And I'd be
happy if you'd
just shut up!

YOU
KNOW,
MAN...

IT SHOULD
BE OBVIOUS
THAT I'M
MADE OF
TOUGHER
STUFF
THAN
THAT.

ARE YOU
TRYING TO
HURT ME
WITH YOUR
VERBAL
BARBS?

...BUT I'D FIGHT YOU
ANYWAY 'CUZ I HATE
LOOKING AT THAT
LAME EXCUSE FOR A
HEAD. WHAT IS IT
SUPPOSED TO BE, A
BUILDING?



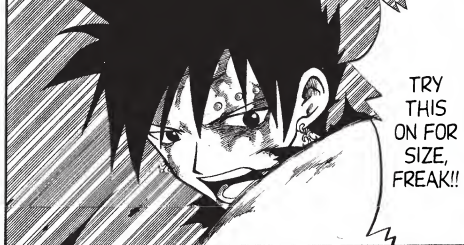
NOW
!!!

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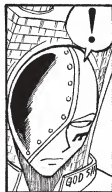
MY
EMOTIONS
NEVER
GET THE
BETTER
OF ME!

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M
M
...

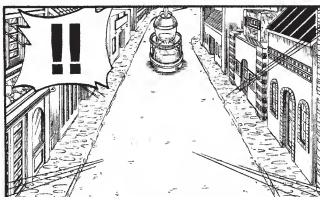
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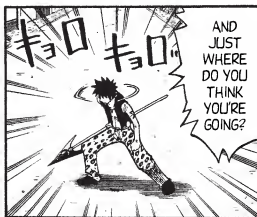
TRY
THIS
ON FOR
SIZE,
FREAK!!



HE'S
GONE....



GREK! THIS
DUDE CAN EVEN
TURN *HIMSELF*
INVISIBLE!

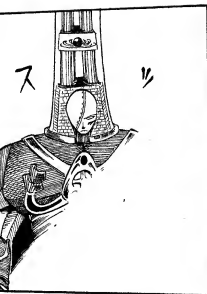


AND
JUST
WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING?



WHAT
THE--?!

I HAVEN'T
GONE ANY-
WHERE,
BOY!

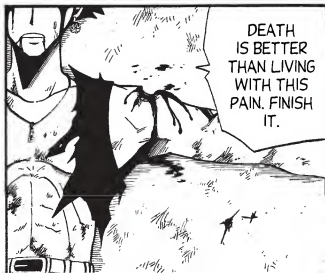
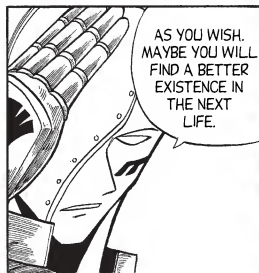
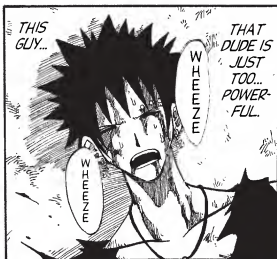


HONESTLY,
BOY, YOU FIGHT
WELL. BUT
THERE'S NO WAY
YOU'RE GETTING UP
FROM A WOUND
LIKE THAT...

YOU'RE A
TALENTED AMATEUR,
BUT THIS IS THE
BIG LEAGUES!



IDINALOQ!





...BUT
I CAN'T
LOSE,
EITHER!

WHAT?!

くらくらくら...

!!

BUT...
BUT WITH THE
WOUNDS YOU'VE
SUFFERED...YOU
WOULD RISK
YOUR OWN LIFE
FOR THIS?

UG-
UGH-
UGH...

MAKING
IT EASY
TO SPOT,
INVISIBLE
OR NOT!

TH-THE
SILVER!
IT'S
CLIMBING
MY
WEAPON...!!

OH
NO!!

WITHOUT
A DOUBT,
MAN.

THIS
ISN'T
OVER,
DUDE...



...THE
FEELING
OF FEAR.
REMEMBER
IT, MY
FRIEND.

FEEL
THAT? SUCH
A MASTER
OF HIS
EMOTIONS
MUST
CERTAINLY
KNOW...



CA--
CAN'T
BREATHE...
HE--
HELP...

GUWAH!!



SILVER
DEATH!!!

GUWAH!!!



HOW
COULD
THIS...
I AM
INVINCIBLE,
I AM...

TH-THE
PALACE
OF
SOULS...
HIS
CRUMBL...
ING...



WAH WAH WAH.
YOU GOT SUCKERED,
DUDE. TRICKED. SO
QUIT YOUR WHINING.
YOU DON'T PLAY BY
THE RULES...



Y...
YOU
TRICKED
M-

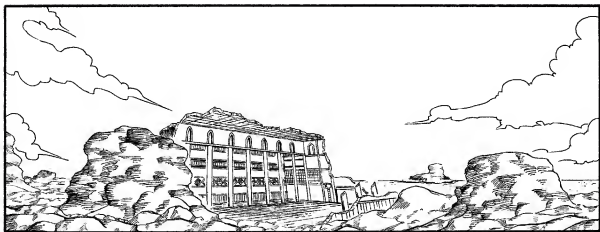
Y...
WHY
YOU...



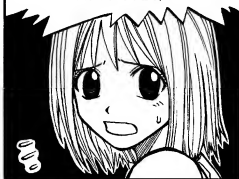
TRICKERY
IS LIKE MY
BREAD AND
BUTTER.

...SO
WHY
SHOULD
A THIEF
LIKE
ME?

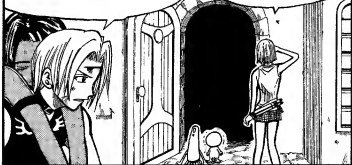
14 Minutes Until
the Enclain is Over



I DON'T HAVE A CLUE
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING,
BUT I HAVE A FEELING
YOU'RE TELLING ME
WE'RE STUCK.



I WAS AFRAID OF THIS...
THIS PLACE IS MADE UP OF
OUR MEMORIES. WITHOUT
ME THERE, THIS HOUSE
DOESN'T EXIST WHERE
MUSICA IS. THE LINK IS
BROKEN.



HUUUUH? I THOUGHT
YOU SAID THIS HOUSE
COULD GET US TO
MUSICA! BUT IT'S
PITCH BLACK
INSIDE!



WHAT
IS
GOING
ON?

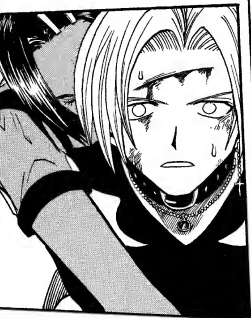
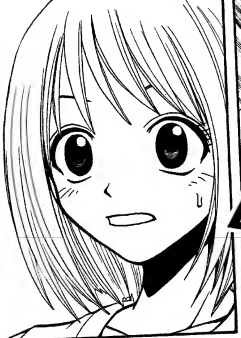
LOOK
AROUND!
EVERYTHING
IS DISAP-
PEARING...



WHAT?
WHAT
IS IT
THIS
TIME?!

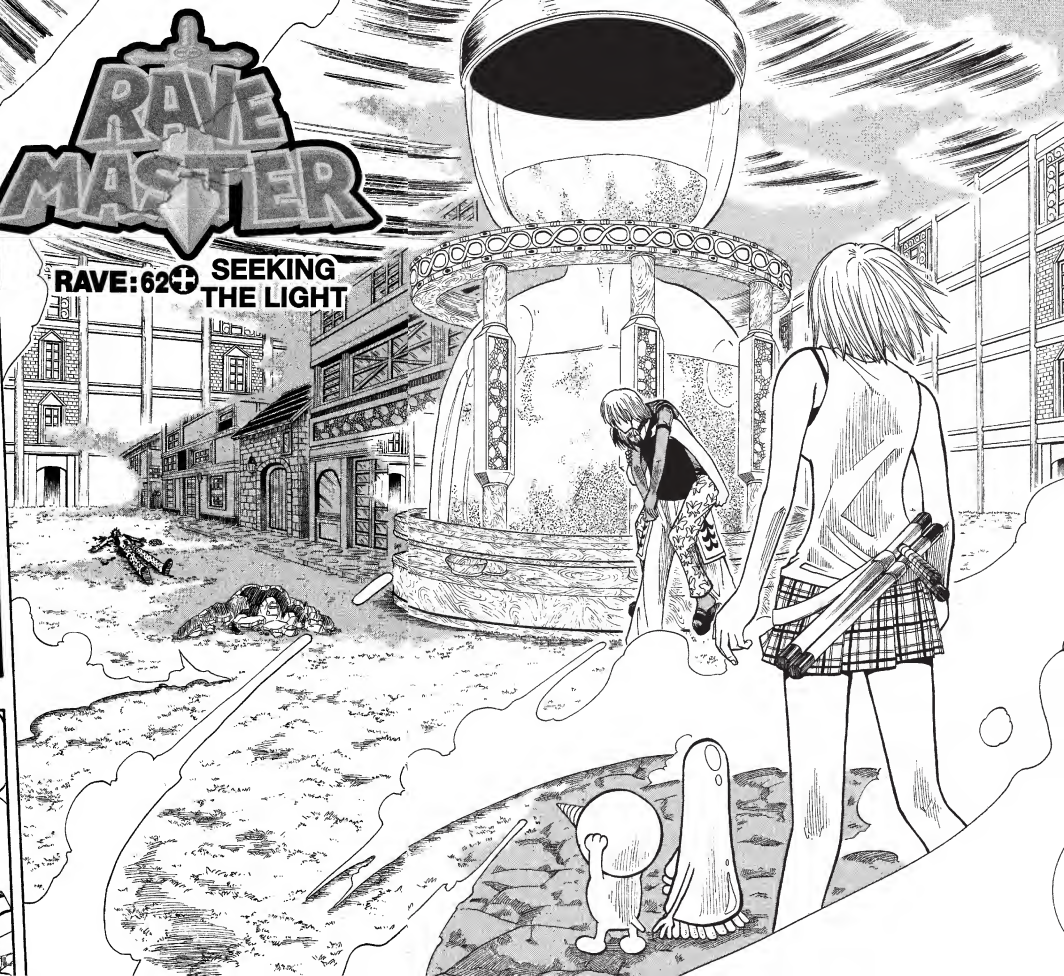
PUUN!!

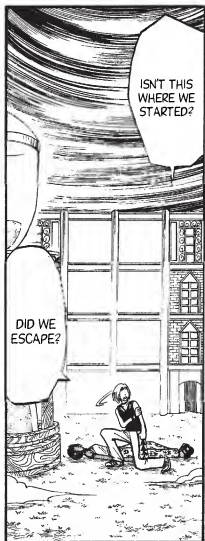
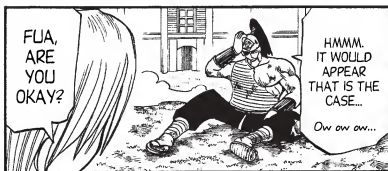




RAVE MASTER

RAVE:62 **SEEKING
THE LIGHT**

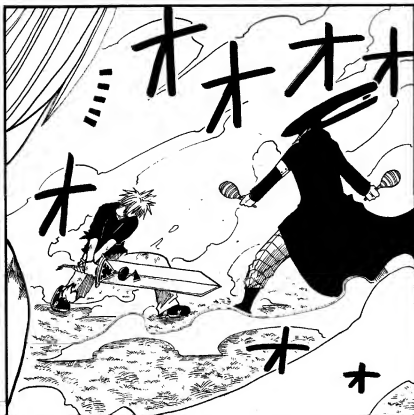
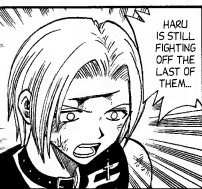




BUT
L TRIANGLE WAS
THE STRONGEST
OF THE GUARDS.
FOR MUSICA TO GO
TOE-TO-TOE WITH
HIM WITH
NO HELP...

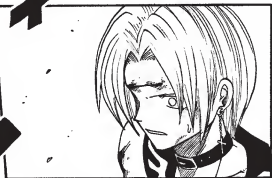
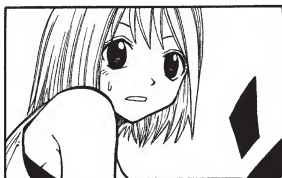
IT'S ALL
COMING
TOGETHER...
THAT'S WHY
THE MIRAGE
FADED AWAY...

OKAY...HE
DEFEATED
L TRIANGLE...



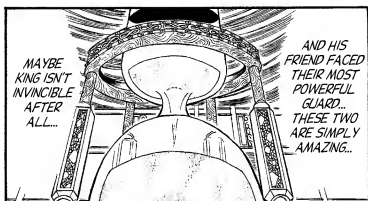


HOW
DO YOU
HIDE YOUR
THOUGHTS
FROM
ME?!



IT
WAS ONLY
FOR A FEW
SECONDS,
BUT IT WAS
ENOUGH...

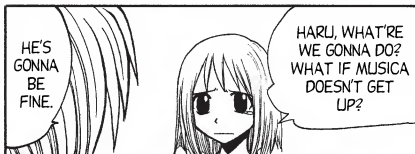
HEH. I USED
RUNE SAVE TO
COMPLETELY
CLEAR MY
HEAD...



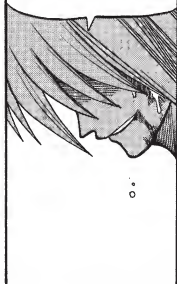
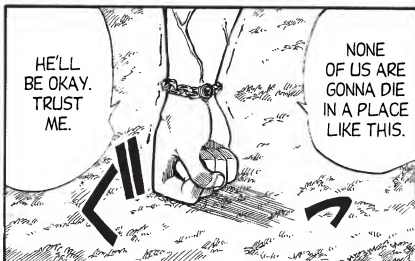


WHATEVER
YOU GAVE, IT
WAS ENOUGH.
YOU TOOK THAT
OGRE DOWN.

MUSICA...MAN...
HOW HARD
DID YOU PUSH
YOURSELF TO
BEAT THAT
DUDE?

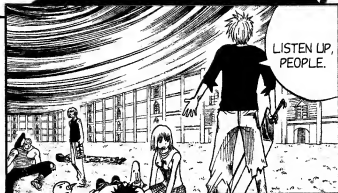


I OWE
YOU ONE,
BUDDY...



MUSICA!!

GET UP!!



LISTEN UP,
PEOPLE.



I'M
COMING
WITH
YOU!!

HARU,
DON'T BE STUPID!
YOU CAN'T
FACE KING BY
YOURSELF!

I'M GONNA HEAD
FOR THE TOP FLOOR.
I WANT THE REST OF
YOU TO TAKE THE
WOUNDED BACK TO
RABARRIER.

BESIDES...
I WON'T
BE ALONE
UP THERE.

NO.
I CAN
HANDLE
THIS.



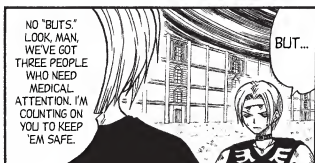


MY
DAD'S
WAITIN'
FOR
ME.



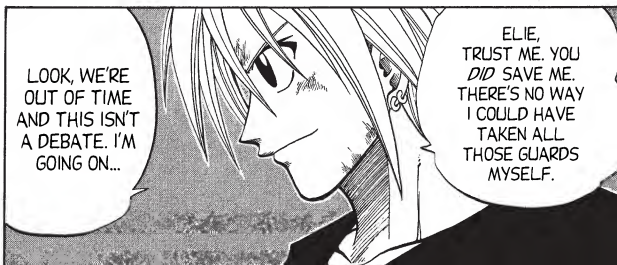
WE
CAME
HERE TO
SAVE
YOU.

WE
CAN'T JUST
LEAVE YOU!
YOU'RE THE
WHOLE REA-
SON WE'RE
HERE!



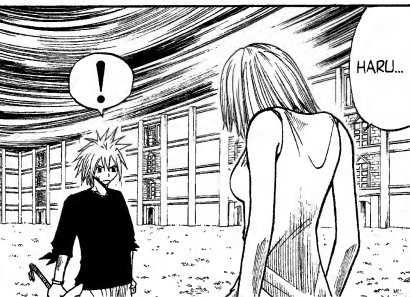
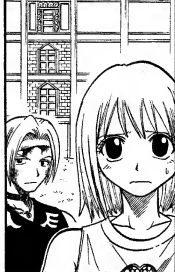
NO "BUTS."
LOOK, MAN,
WE'VE GOT
THREE PEOPLE
WHO NEED
MEDICAL
ATTENTION. I'M
COUNTING ON
YOU TO KEEP
'EM SAFE.

BUT...



LOOK, WE'RE
OUT OF TIME
AND THIS ISN'T
A DEBATE. I'M
GOING ON...

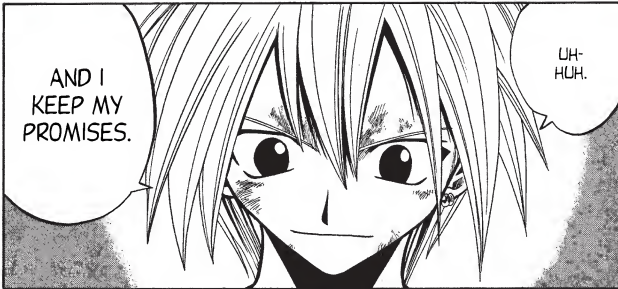
ELIE,
TRUST ME. YOU
DID SAVE ME.
THERE'S NO WAY
I COULD HAVE
TAKEN ALL
THOSE GUARDS
MYSELF.





YOU
PROMISE?

YOU'RE-
YOU'RE
REALLY
COMING
BACK,
RIGHT?



AND I
KEEP MY
PROMISES.

UH-
HUH.

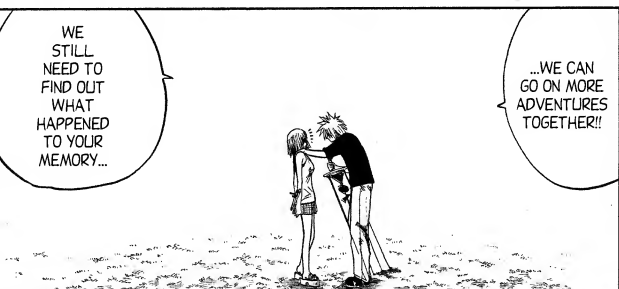
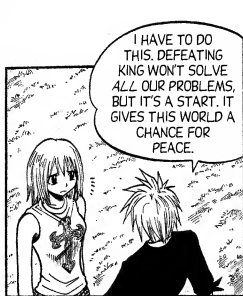
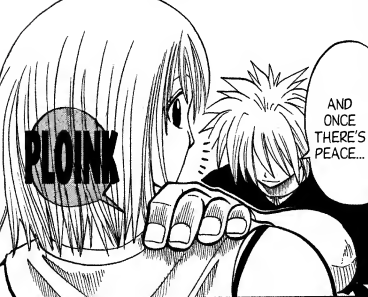


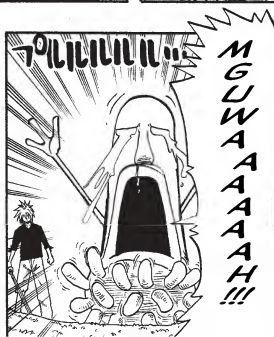
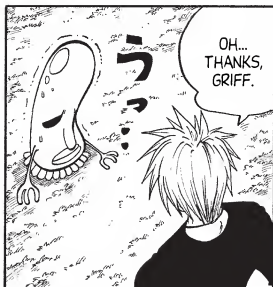
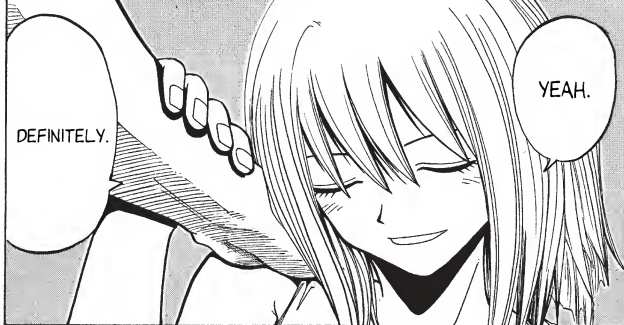
ELIE.

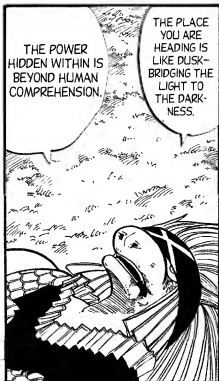


HARU...I'M
LIKE...SO
SCARED
RIGHT
NOW...

I HAVE A
REALLY BAD
FEELING...

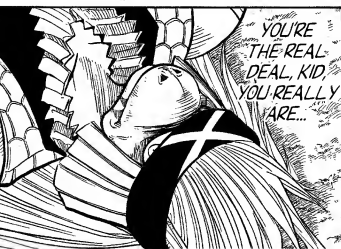








I'M
PREPARED
TO PAY
THE
COSTS.

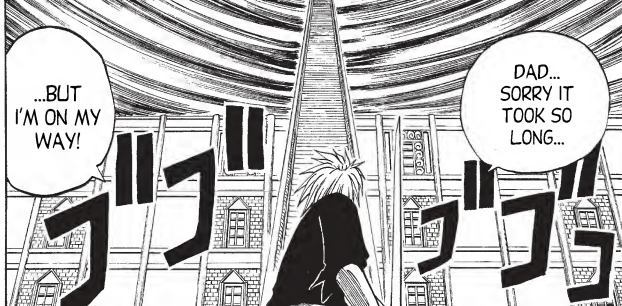


YOU'RE
THE REAL
DEAL, KID.
YOU REALLY
ARE...



I KNOW.
AND I'M
READY.

+



...BUT
I'M ON MY
WAY!

DAD...
SORRY IT
TOOK SO
LONG...

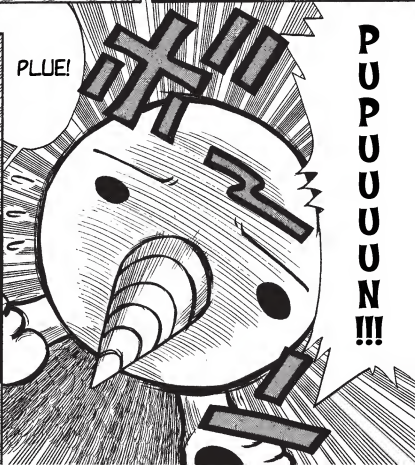


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YOU'RE
RIGHT. IT
WOULDN'T
BE THE
SAME
WITHOUT
YOU,
LITTLE
GUY.

PLUE!



P
U
P
U
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U
N
!!!



ALL RIGHT,
MAN. TIME
TO SHOW THIS
JERK WHAT IT
TAKES TO BE A
RAVE MASTER!!

PUPUUN!!!

10 Minutes Remaining
Until the Enclain is Over

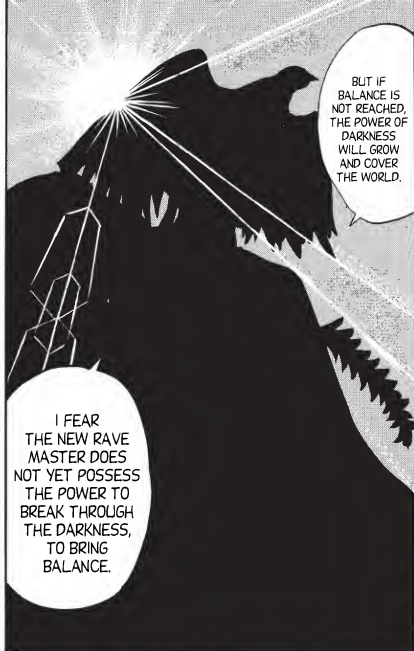


ELIE, DON'T
WORRY. HE'S
WITH MASTER
HARU. I'M
SURE OF
IT.

WAIT...
PLUE'S NOT
HERE!!

SOMEHOW
THAT DOESN'T
SURPRISE ME...
PLUE'S IN THIS
TO THE END,
ISN'T HE?



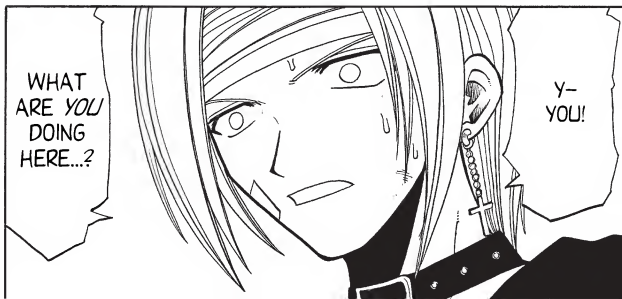


BUT IF
BALANCE IS
NOT REACHED,
THE POWER OF
DARKNESS
WILL GROW
AND COVER
THE WORLD.

I FEAR
THE NEW RAVE
MASTER DOES
NOT YET POSSESS
THE POWER TO
BREAK THROUGH
THE DARKNESS,
TO BRING
BALANCE.



THIS
IS A HISTORIC
DAY. TODAY A
SINGLE BLADE
WILL DIVIDE
AND BRING
BALANCE TO
THE LIGHT AND
TO THE DARK.



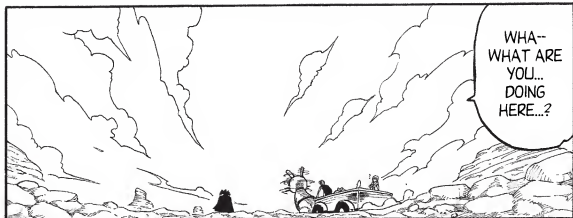
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE...?

Y-
YOU!

RAVE MASTER



RAVE:63⊕ENTRUSTED FUTURE



WHA--
WHAT ARE
YOU...
DOING
HERE...?



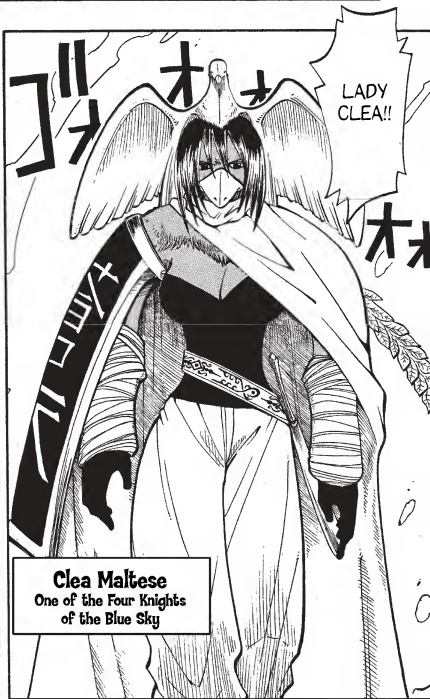
MY
LADY!
YOU AREN'T
SUPPOSED
TO LEAVE
THE HOLY
GROUNDS!

IF YOU
DO, YOUR
SOUL
COULD
FADE
AWAY!!



CLEA...? CLEA
MALTESE? ONE
OF THE FOUR
KNIGHTS OF THE
BLUE SKY?!

HOLY
GROUNDS?



LADY
CLEA!!

Clea Maltese
One of the Four Knights
of the Blue Sky



WE
CAN'T
RISK
THE
LOSS...



LADY CLEA!!
YOU REALLY
MUST RETURN
TO THE HOLY
GROUNDS
IMMEDIATELY!!

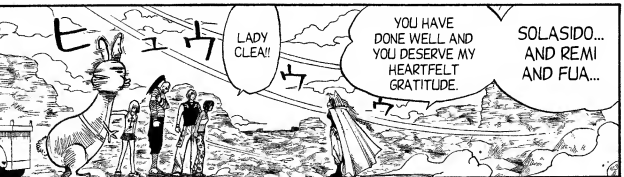


LADY
CLEA
...



YOU KNOW
IN YOUR HEART
THE REASON I
HAVE COME,
MY SON...

IT IS
ALL RIGHT,
SOLASIDO.



LADY
CLEA!!

YOU HAVE
DONE WELL AND
YOU DESERVE MY
HEARTFELT
GRATITUDE.

SOLASIDO...
AND REMI
AND FUA...



TODAY,
IT ALL
ENDS. I
RELIEVE
YOU OF
YOUR
DUTIES.

PROTECTING MY
SOUL, TAKING CARE
OF ME WHEN I WAS
HELPLESS...THAT
HAS TAKEN ITS
TOLL ON YOU, MY
CHILDREN..



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...
WHY ARE YOU
HERE? WHY
THANK US
NOW?



IT'S TIME TO
GIVE THE RAVE
OF COMBAT TO
THE RAVE
MASTER...

THE
TIME
HAS
COME...



ALL OUR
WORK, IT
WILL BE
LOST!

BU-BUT,
LADY...
WITHOUT
THE RAVE
YOUR
SPIRIT
WILL
FADE!



.....
OOOOOH.
OKAY...
I DON'T
GET IT.



MISS REMI AND
THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN
MASQUERADING AS THE
GUARDIANS OF THE RAVE
TO KEEP THE TRUE
CARETAKER'S IDENTITY
SECRET.

IT WAS ALL
A BLUFF. A
RUSE TO KEEP
THE DEMONIDS
FROM LADY
CLEA.



I-I
T-T-THINK
I-I C-CAN
E-EXPLAIN.

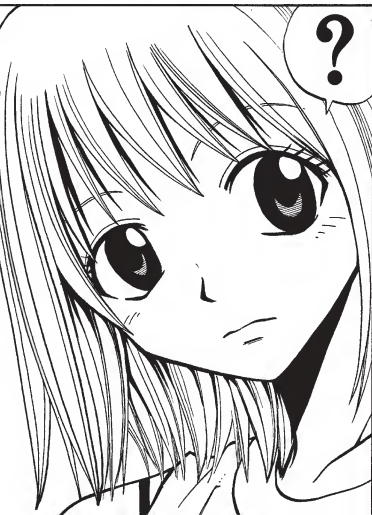
I'M
CONFUSED.
DOESN'T LADY
REMI HAVE THE
RAVE? WHO IS
THIS CHICK?

TODAY IS
THE DAY ALL
QUESTIONS WILL
BE ANSWERED.
ALL TRUTHS
REVEALED.

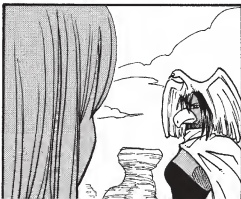
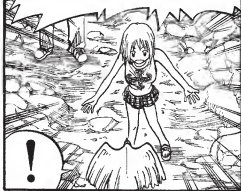
IT IS
TIME.

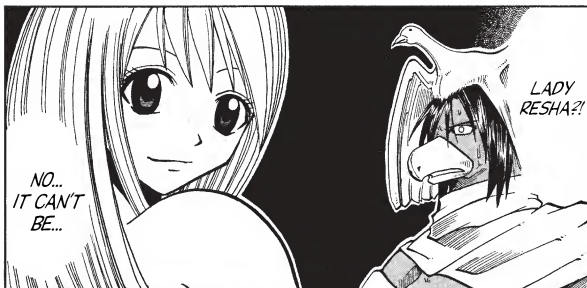
IF WE GET
THE RAVE OF
COMBAT TO THE
YOUNG RAVE
MASTER, HE
MAY BE ABLE
TO KEEP THE
DARKNESS
AT BAY.

BUT
ONLY IF THE
POWER OF THE
DARK BRING CAN
BE STOPPED.



HOLD UP, LADY! ARE YOU
SAYING THAT WITHOUT THIS
COMBAT THINGY HARU IS
SUNK FOR SURE?





NO...
IT CAN'T
BE...

LADY
RESHA?!

WHAT
ELSE
COULD
IT BE?

REINCARNATION
MAY BE A POSSIBILITY...
OR IT COULD JUST
BE A COINCIDENCE.

BUT THE RESEMBLANCE...
IT'S UNCANNY. MAYBE A
DESCENDANT? BUT LADY
RESHA WAS ONLY 15 WHEN
SHE PASSED. SHE DIDN'T
HAVE A BOYFRIEND, MUCH
LESS A CHILD!

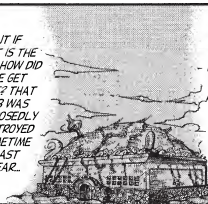
COULD THIS GIRL REALLY
BE THE PRODUCT OF THEIR
EXPERIMENTS? OR IS THIS JUST
SOME COSMIC JOKE? EITHER WAY,
THERE'S NO MISTAKING THE
POWER INSIDE HER...

THERE
WERE ALWAYS
WHISPERS OF A
SECRET GROUP
THAT STUDIED
THE ETHERION
EVEN AFTER
LADY RESHA'S
DEATH...



THERE WERE
THE RUMORS OF
A GIRL BORN OF
SCIENCE...
ONE CREATED BY
THE ETHERION
RESEARCHERS...

BUT IF
THAT IS THE
CASE, HOW DID
SHE GET
HERE? THAT
LAB WAS
SUPPOSEDLY
DESTROYED
SOMETIME
LAST
YEAR.



COULD
THEY HAVE
RECREATED
NOT ONLY
HER POWER,
BUT HER
PERSON AS
WELL?



OH,
ME? MY
NAME'S
ELIE.

YOUNG
MISS... WHAT
MIGHT YOUR
NAME BE?



I NEED YOU
TO DELIVER
THIS ARTIFACT,
THE RAVE OF
COMBAT, TO
THE YOUNG
RAVE
MASTER.

I SEE... ELIE,
LISTEN TO ME.
THIS IS OF
THE UTMOST
IMPORTANCE.

IF IT IS
ETHERION OR
OTHERWISE,
I DO NOT
KNOW...

THIS
CAN'T BE
COINCIDENCE.
THIS HAS
TO BE
ANOTHER
SIGN,
ANOTHER
ACT OF
FATE.



I AM GROWING
WEAKER BY
THE MOMENT.
IN MY STATE I
COULDN'T FEND
OFF A SINGLE
DEMONOID
ATTACKER.

AND EVEN IF I
WERE TO ARRIVE
UNSCATHED, MY
SPIRIT WOULD
LIKELY NOT
MAKE THE
JOURNEY
INTACT.

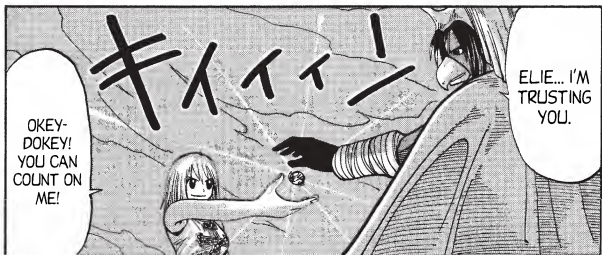


SURE,
WHY
NOT?

WHA-?
YOU
WANT
ME
TO?

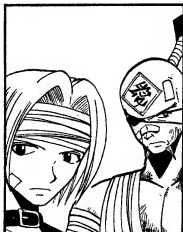


LADY
CLEA!!
WHY
HER?!



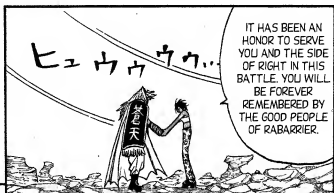


LADY CLEA



THANK
YOU FOR
EVERY-
THING.

I
SHARE
THAT
HONOR...



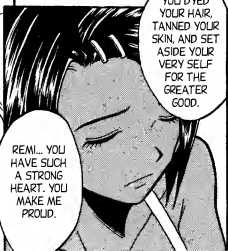
IT HAS BEEN AN
HONOR TO SERVE
YOU AND THE SIDE
OF RIGHT IN THIS
BATTLE. YOU WILL
BE FOREVER
REMEMBERED BY
THE GOOD PEOPLE
OF RABARRIER.



BUT THAT'S
ALL OVER NOW.
TOMORROW YOU
CAN RETURN TO
A REGULAR
LIFE. YOUR
LIFE.

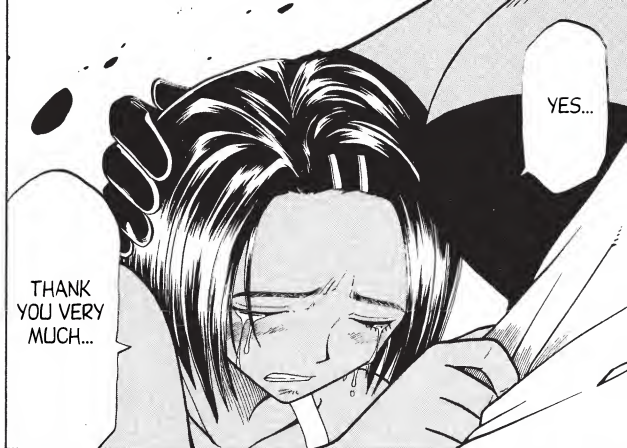


AND I AM
SORRY THAT I
PLACE SUCH A
HEAVY BURDEN
ON YOUR
SHOULDERS
SIMPLY
BECAUSE OF
OUR SHARED
BIRTHPLACE.



YOU DYED
YOUR HAIR,
TANNED YOUR
SKIN, AND SET
ASIDE YOUR
VERY SELF
FOR THE
GREATER
GOOD.

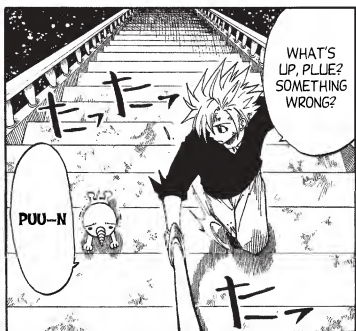
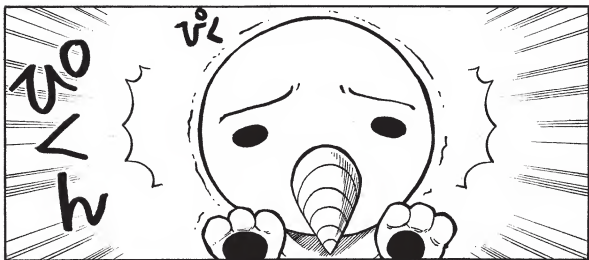
REMI... YOU
HAVE SUCH
A STRONG
HEART. YOU
MAKE ME
PROUD.

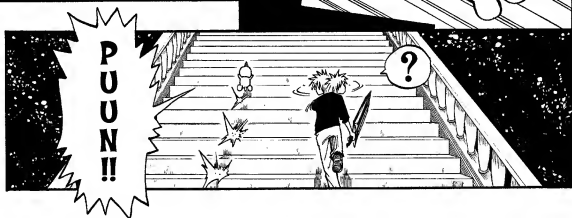
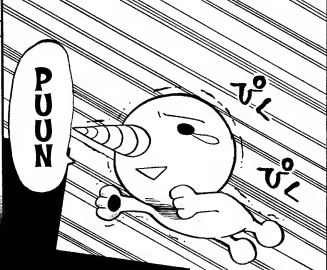




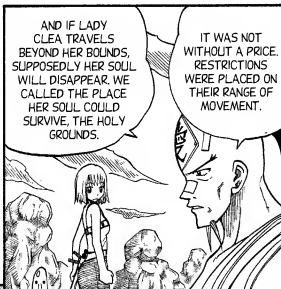
MAY
YOUR
FUTURE,
MAN'S
FUTURE...

...BE
BRIGHT!





WOW...
THAT
MUST
HAVE
SUCKED.



AND IF LADY
CLEA TRAVELS
BEYOND HER BOUNDS,
SUPPOSEDLY HER SOUL
WILL DISAPPEAR. WE
CALLED THE PLACE
HER SOUL COULD
SURVIVE, THE HOLY
GROUNDS.

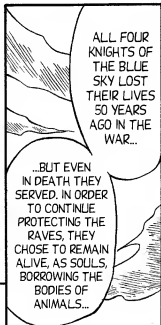
IT WAS NOT
WITHOUT A PRICE.
RESTRICTIONS
WERE PLACED ON
THEIR RANGE OF
MOVEMENT.



THAT
EXPLAINS WHY
THAT OLD BEAR
WAS ALWAYS
THERE... ALWAYS
PROTECTING THE
RAVE...



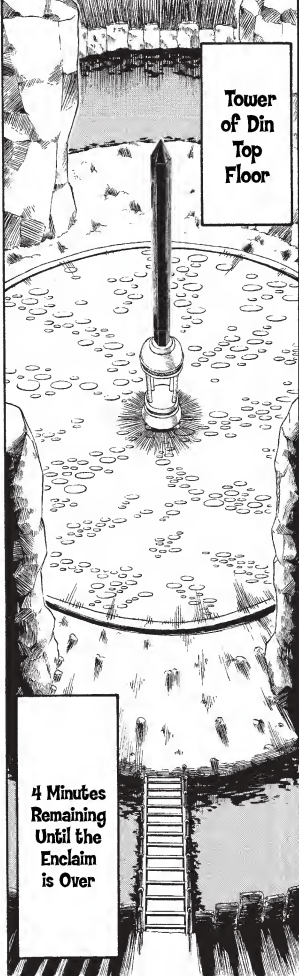
BECAUSE
LADY CLEA WAS
UNABLE TO LEAVE
LUKA, THE PEOPLE
OF AQUA PALACE
CREATED RABARRIER
AND PUT ON THIS
MASQUERADE.



ALL FOUR
KNIGHTS OF
THE BLUE
SKY LOST
THEIR LIVES
50 YEARS
AGO IN THE
WAR...

...BUT EVEN
IN DEATH THEY
SERVED. IN ORDER
TO CONTINUE
PROTECTING THE
RAVES, THEY
CHOSE TO REMAIN
ALIVE, AS SOULS,
BORROWING THE
BODIES OF
ANIMALS...





**Tower
of Din
Top
Floor**

**4 Minutes
Remaining
Until the
Enclain
is Over**



THE
HOPES AND
DREAMS OF
THIS WHOLE
PLANET ARE
RIDING ON
THIS...

I'LL GET
THIS RAVE
TO HARU.
I PROMISE



RUNNING
OUT OF
JUICE
ALREADY,
GLORY?

HILL!

HILL!



YOU CAN LAST
AT LEAST THAT
LONG, CAN'T
YOU...? THINGS
ARE ABOUT TO
GET A LOT MORE
INTERESTING.

JUST
FOUR
MORE
MINUTES
UNTIL
THE MAIN
EVENT...



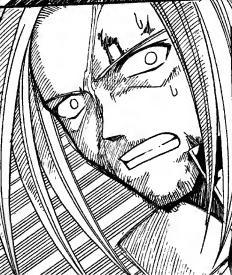
HUFF

HUFF

THERE'S
NO WAY HE
CAN BE THIS
STRONG... HIS
ENDURANCE IS
AMAZING...



BLACK
ZENITH!!



CRAP...

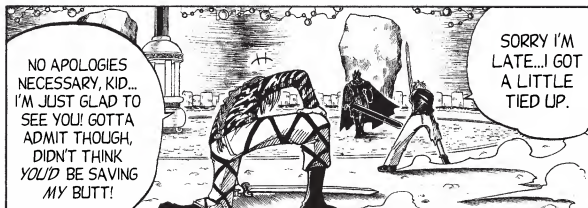
I CAN'T
ESCAPE
THIS...



AGH!

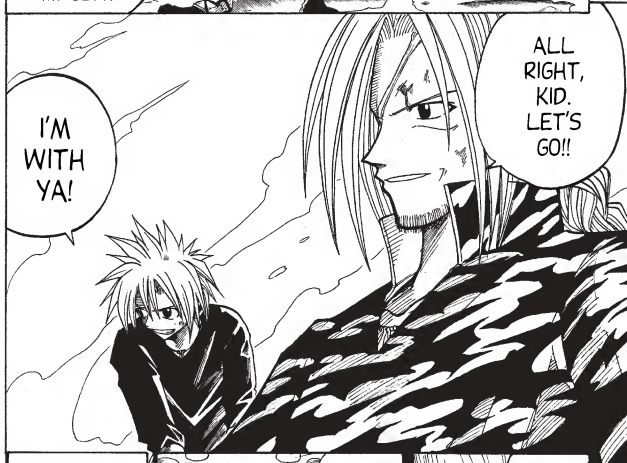
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NO APOLOGIES
NECESSARY, KID...
I'M JUST GLAD TO
SEE YOU! GOTTA
ADMIT THOUGH,
DIDN'T THINK
YOU'D BE SAVING
MY BUTT!

SORRY I'M
LATE...I GOT
A LITTLE
TIED UP.



I'M
WITH
YA!

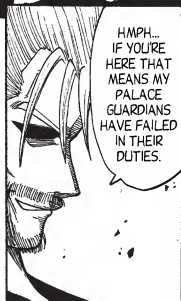
ALL
RIGHT,
KID.
LET'S
GO!!



THE GATE?! THE
DEMONOID-SUMMONING
DARK BRING... SO THAT'S
WHAT TOOK YOU
SO LONG!



GUESS
I WON'T
BE NEEDING
THE GATE
DARK BRING
ANYMORE!

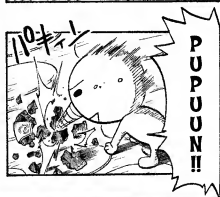


HMPH...
IF YOU'RE
HERE THAT
MEANS MY
PALACE
GUARDIANS
HAVE FAILED
IN THEIR
DUTIES.



BIG WORDS...

KING... YOU'RE GOING DOWN FOR GOOD.



PUPUUN!!



...RAVE MASTER!

BUT I WANT TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE SKILLS TO BACK THEM UP...



WHAT THE--?!!



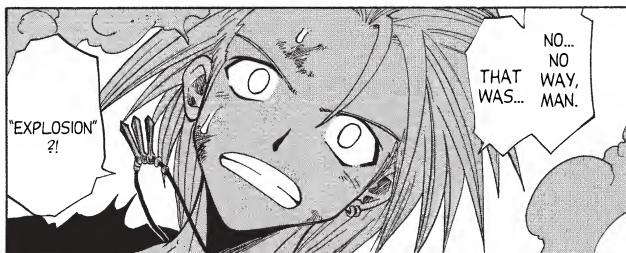
SMIRK



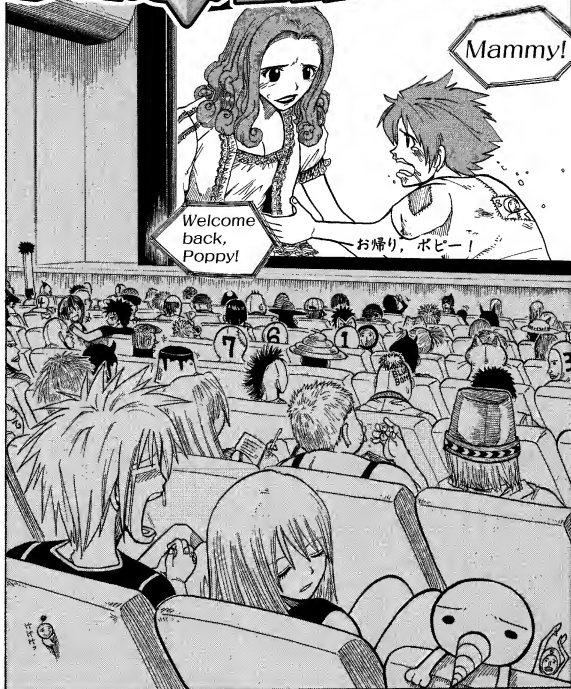
HARU, WATCH OUT... HE'S MUCH STRONGER THAN HE LOOKS.

I'M READY.

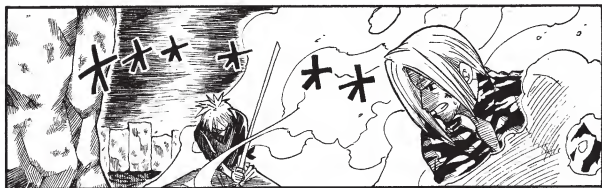
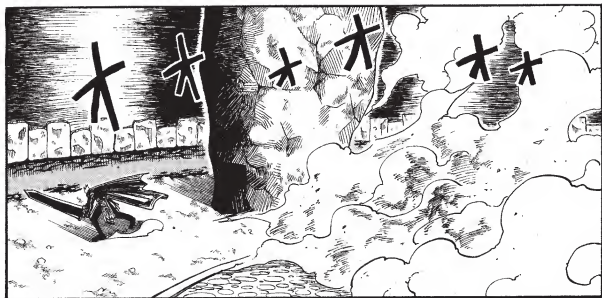
I THINK IT'S TIME THAT YOU SAW THE TRUE POWER OF THE KING!



RAVE MASTER



RAVE:64 KING'S ULTIMATE GOAL!





YOUR
ATTACKS
ARE BETTER
SUITED TO
THE PLAY-
GROUND, NOT
UP HERE
WITH THE
BIG BOYS!



HEH.

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EXPLOSION ...



SMILE



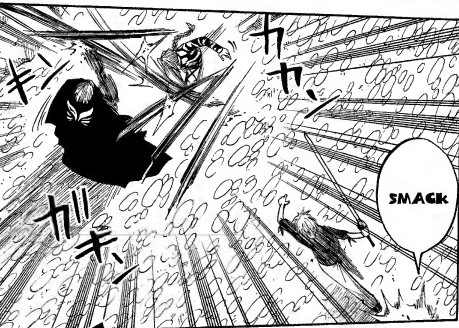
ERGH...

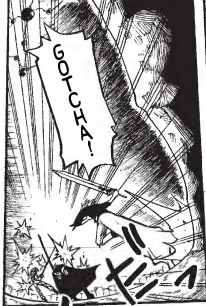


HO-HOW
CAN HE
BE SO
FAST?!



NEXT!



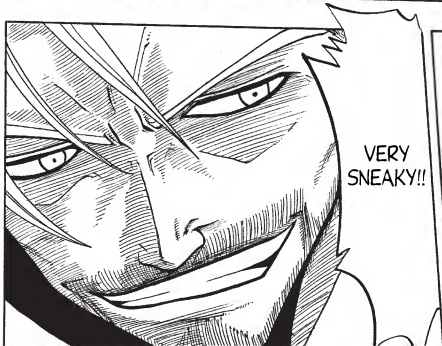


HARU!! WE'VE GOT HIM OUT-NUMBERED! WE'VE GOTTA USE THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE!

LET'S GO AT HIM FROM BOTH SIDES!!



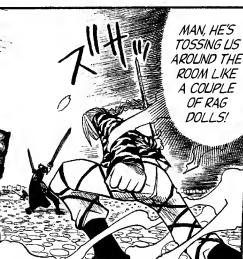
UH-UH!



VERY SNEAKY!!



BLUE
CRIMSON!!



MAN, HE'S
TOSSING US
AROUND THE
ROOM LIKE
A COUPLE
OF RAG
DOLLS!



GIMME
A BREAK
...



LIGH



THE
STRONGEST
OF ALL MY
WEAPONS...

MY
DARK
BRING,
FOOL....



ALL RIGHT,
KING, JUST
TELL ME ONE
THING. HOW
ARE YOU USING
MY ATTACKS?

...THE
DARK BRING
CALLED
DECALOGUE.

IT
IS A
SWORD
WITH
TEN
FORMS
...

I GOT THIS
BEAUTIFUL
DECALOGUE
FROM LAST
YEAR'S
ENCLAM.

NOW
I GET TO
USE IT AT
THIS ENCLAM
TO KILL YOU!
IT'S ALMOST
POETIC!

YOU'RE
CRAZY!

THE
ENCLAM
WILL END
AND YOU
WILL DIE!!

AND WHILE
I FINISH YOU THE
ENCLAM WILL
COMPLETE A
DARK BRING THAT
WILL PUT EVEN
THE DECALOGUE
TO SHAME!



YOU'RE
TOO
LATE!!

ECH...



DREAM
ON!!



IT IS
TIME
...

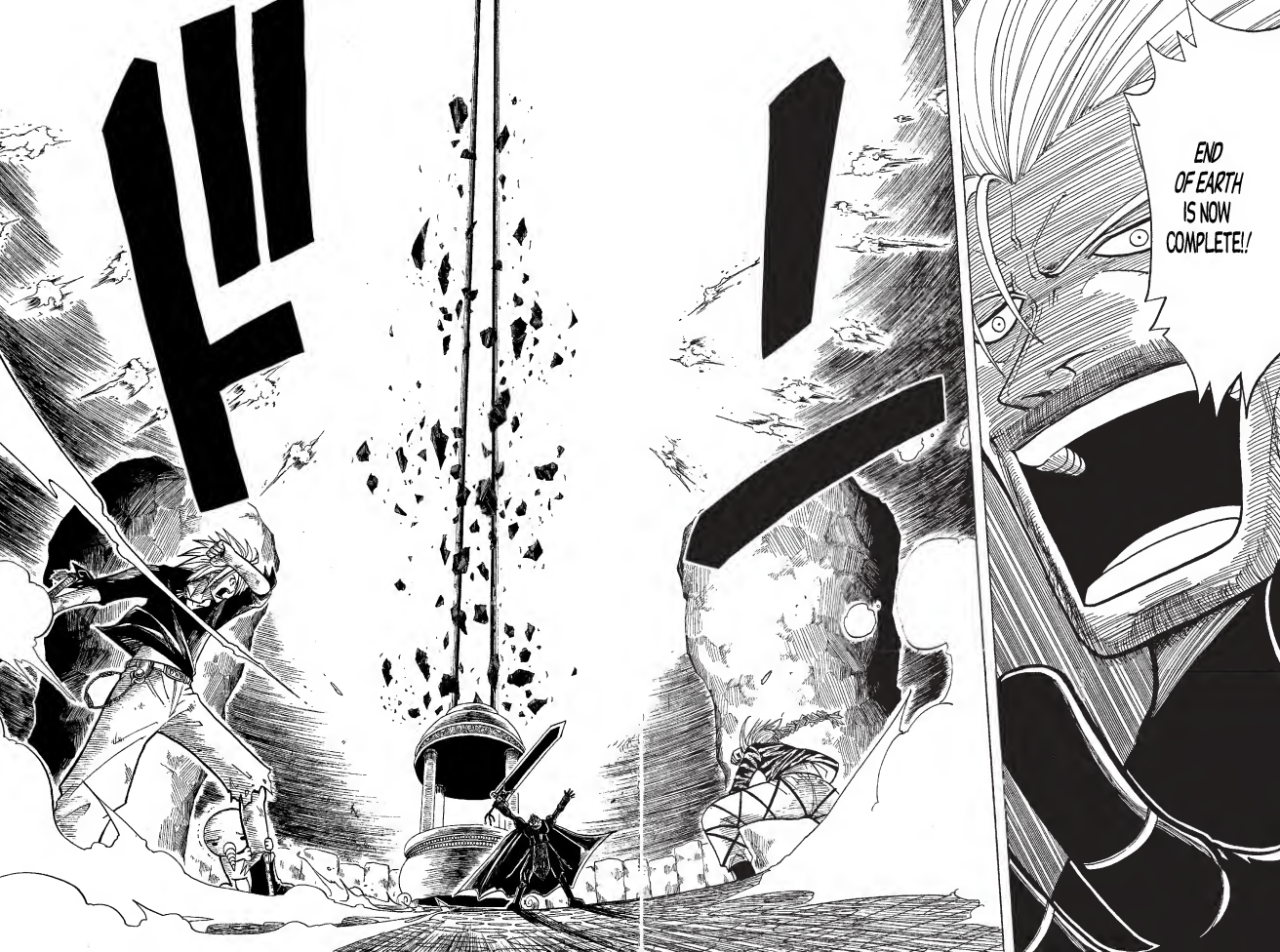


THE
ULTIMATE
DARK BRING,
TEN YEARS
IN THE
MAKING!

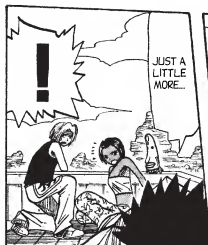
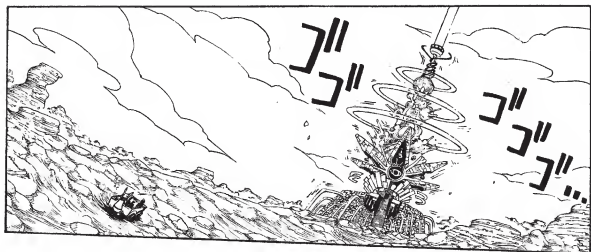


AND
NOW...INTO
MY HANDS...
THE BLACK
POWER
THAT WILL
END THE
BALANCE
FOREVER...

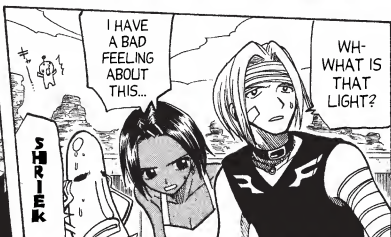
WATCH...
WATCH
AS THE
LIGHT AND
DARKNESS
MEET FOR
THE LAST
TIME...



END
OF EARTH
IS NOW
COMPLETE!!



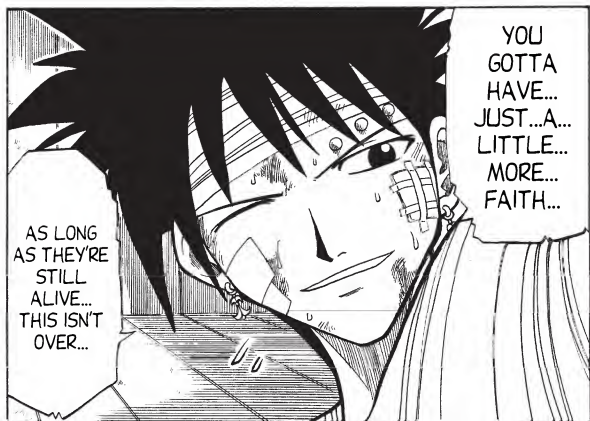
JUST A
LITTLE
MORE...



I HAVE
A BAD
FEELING
ABOUT
THIS...

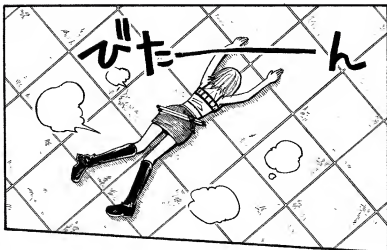
WH-
WHAT IS
THAT
LIGHT?

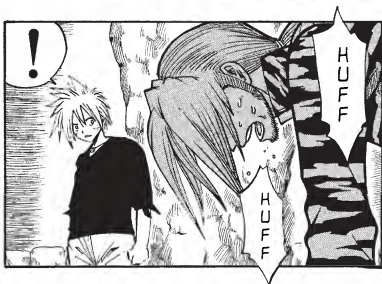
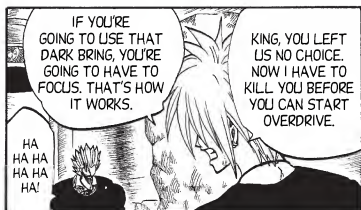
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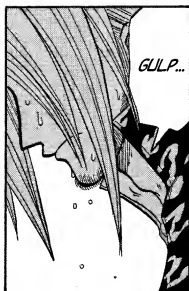


YOU
GOTTA
HAVE...
JUST...A...
LITTLE...
MORE...
FAITH...

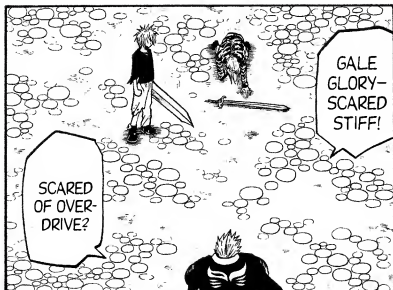
AS LONG
AS THEY'RE
STILL
ALIVE...
THIS ISN'T
OVER...







GULP...



SCARED
OF OVER-
DRIVE?

GALE
GLORY-
SCARED
STIFF!



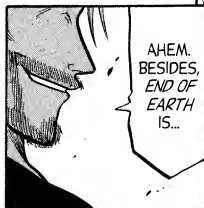
WE DO
THAT, AND
WE STILL
WIN!

DAD!! YOU GOTTA
PULL YOURSELF
TOGETHER! THIS ISN'T
OVER! WE CAN STILL
STOP HIM! WE JUST
NEED TO DESTROY
THE DARK BRING!



SHUT
UP,
KING!!

HA HA HA...
DESTROY THE *END*
OF EARTH DARK BRING?
YOU'RE A FUNNY GUY,
RAVE MASTER! THIS IS
THE ULTIMATE
WEAPON!



AHEM.
BESIDES,
END OF
EARTH
IS...

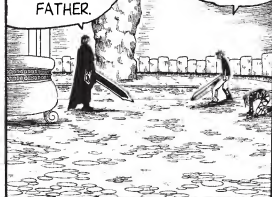


BESIDES
...



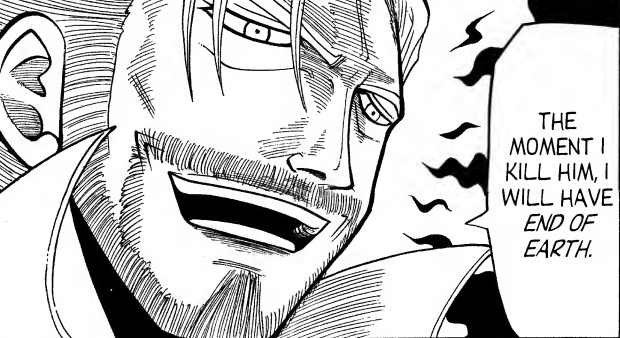
IT'S NO
JOKE... END
OF EARTH WAS
COMPLETED
IN YOUR FATHER.

IN-INSIDE
YOU? HE-HE'S
KIDDING,
RIGHT?



HUH?





THE
MOMENT I
KILL HIM, I
WILL HAVE
END OF
EARTH.



GLORY, I
COULDN'T
HAVE
ASKED FOR
A BETTER
ENDING!



ARGH...

BUT DON'T
FEEL BAD...
THIS IS THE
WAY IT HAD
TO BE.

NOT ONLY
DO I GET TO
KILL YOU, BUT
I GET TO TAKE
OUT MOST OF
THE PEOPLE
ON THIS
CONTINENT!

AND
KNOW THAT
YOUR GIFT
OF BLOOD
WILL BRING
SADNESS
TO THIS
PATHETIC
PLANET!

THAT'S IT...
WRITHE!!
SQUIRM!!
AND DIE!!





YOU
WILL
NEVER
UNDER-
STAND.



WHAT ARE
YOU AFTER,
EXACTLY?

BU-BUT
WHY? I
DON'T
GET IT!



I WANT
TO KILL
GALE
GLORY.

IT'S
AS SIMPLE
AS THAT.



IT'S SUCH A HIGH PRICE TO PAY JUST TO KILL ONE MAN.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! WHY MASSACRE AND DESTROY AND WAGE WAR?



IT'S SUCH A HIGH PRICE TO PAY JUST TO KILL ONE MAN.

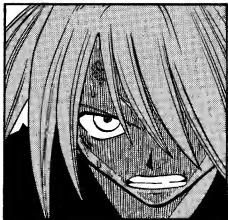
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THEY DIDN'T
ASK WHY. WHY
WOULD THEY?
THEY GOT TO
CAUSE MAYHEM
AND THAT WAS
ENOUGH FOR
THEM.

THEY DIDN'T
ASK WHY. WHY
WOULD THEY?
THEY GOT TO
CAUSE MAYHEM
AND THAT WAS
ENOUGH FOR
THEM.



MASSACRES...
DESTRUCTION...
WAR... IT WAS ALL
BAIT! TRAPS SET
BY MY UNDERLINGS
TO DRAW THE
ATTENTION OF
"MR. JUSTICE"
GALE GLORY!



HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA

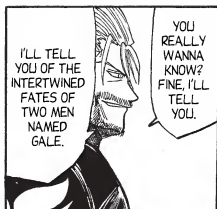


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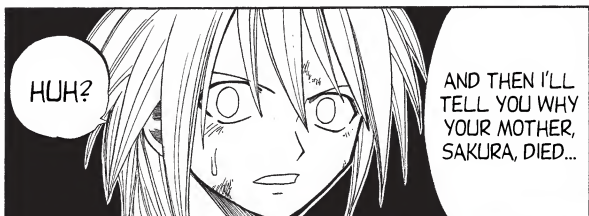
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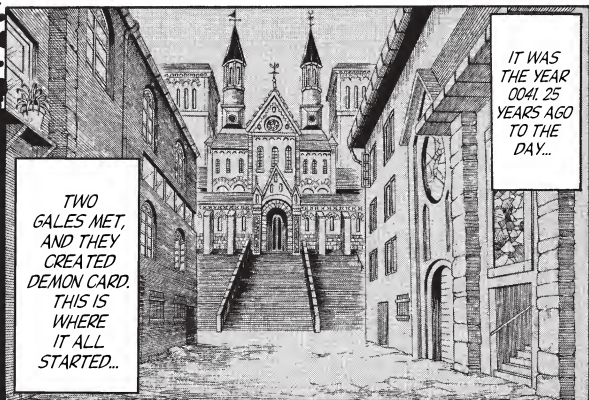
YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW? FINE, I'LL TELL YOU.



BUT WHY? WHY GO THROUGH ALL THAT FOR ONE GUY?



AND THEN I'LL TELL YOU WHY YOUR MOTHER, SAKURA, DIED...



IT WAS THE YEAR 0041. 25 YEARS AGO TO THE DAY...

TO BE CONTINUED

FIVE PALACE GUARDIANS, CAPTAIN: LTIANGLE, THE DEAD ANGLE

WEAPON: DB (TRANSPARENT)

BIRTHDAY / AGE: MARCH 3, 9951 / 115YO

HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE:

230CM / 196KG / UNKNOWN

BIRTHPLACE: UNDERWORLD - NORWAN TOWN

INTERESTS / HOBBIES: OBSERVING

SPECIAL TALENT: DRAFTING

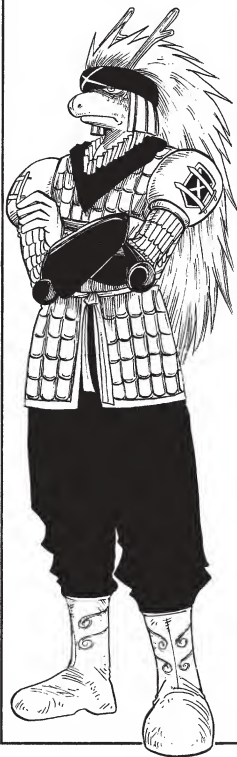
LIKES: HIS OWN ARMOR

HATES: RON GLACE



Currently the character that's the biggest hassle to draw. FYI, number two would be Alpine, of the Knights of the Blue Sky. No, really, Ltiangle really is a hassle to draw (laughs). I'll never make another character like this again! Incidentally, to help with the tempo of the story, he got done in pretty quickly, but he's actually the strongest of the Five Palace Guardians by a long shot. Second would be Let, with the rest as Racas, Rionette, and Ron rounding out the bunch. To tell the truth, I actually wanted to go into more detail with the fight between Musica and this guy, but you gotta keep the story moving, right? Farewell, captain!!

PALACE GUARDIAN: LET, OF THE DRAGON PEOPLE

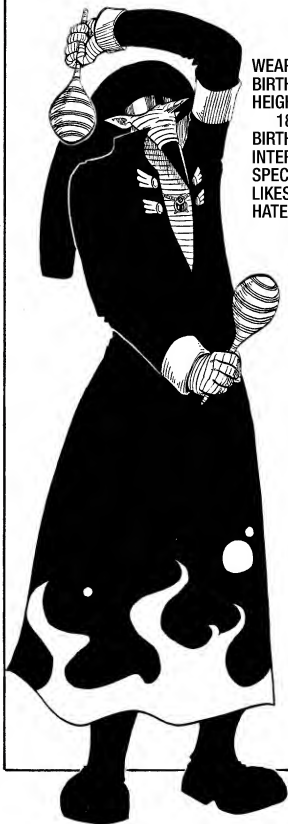


WEAPON: NONE (BAREHANDED)
BIRTHDAY / AGE: DECEMBER 4, 0044 / 22YO
HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE:
177CM / 80KG / UNKNOWN
BIRTHPLACE: UNKNOWN
INTERESTS / HOBBIES: TRAINING
SPECIAL TALENT: ZOOLOGY
LIKES: BATTLE, STRONG OPPONENTS
HATES: PEACE

Boy, do I love this character.
By the way, out of all the Palace Guardians, this guy is the only one that's not a demonoid. The Dragon race is separate from the demonoids, see. And in wanting to make his personality different from the others, I also chose to have him not possess any DB. It's not like I was just being lazy, all right? Well, to be honest, around the time these guys first came out, there had been so many different DB all over the place, I was having a bit of writer's block with that.

Seriously...I'm not too smart.
I often get sharp commentary from the readers about the DB, too. "That's just way too convenient!" Haha. Seriously. I do get a lot of these... I'll be sure to plan things out better for the next (??) series.

PALACE GUARDIAN: RACAS, THE COUNTERATTACKER



WEAPON: DB (RHYTHM COUNTER)
BIRTHDAY / AGE: FEBRUARY 28, 0041 / 25YO
HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE:
185CM / 78KG / UNKNOWN
BIRTHPLACE: UNDERWORLD - NORWAN TOWN
INTERESTS / HOBBIES: COLLECTING MUSIC
SPECIAL TALENT: MARACAS, DANCING
LIKES: THE CAPTAIN
HATES: GARBAGE

I made this guy up to help break the way-too-serious tone that has plagued the story since we got to Din Tower. Honestly, this guy's a moron. Of course, his name comes from "maracas." In other words, no thought involved in this one. Speaking of, I've gotten letters from people who have stumbled upon a pattern. If you add "ma" to the beginning of all the names of the demonoids, their names turn into words that are connected to them:

Gnet -> Magnet

Zahrshippe ->

Mazahrshippe (Mothership -> submarine)

Sihngan -> Masihngan (Machinegun)

Ltiangle -> Ma(u)ltiangle

Rionette -> Marionette

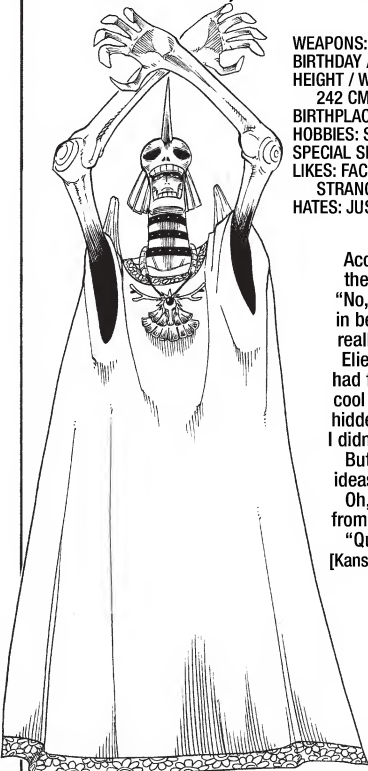
Let -> Malet (Mallet)

Ron Glace ->

Maron Glace (chestnut (maron) sweets...)

PALACE GUARDIAN: RIONETTE, THE SHADOW MASTER

WEAPONS: DARK BRING (SHADOW DOLL)
BIRTHDAY / AGE: JULY 2, 9968 / 98
HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE:
242 CM / 205 KG / UNKNOWN
BIRTHPLACE: UNDERWORLD - VESTA VILLAGE
HOBBIES: SHADOW PUPPETRY
SPECIAL SKILLS: MARIONETTES
LIKES: FACES OF HUMANS IN PAIN,
STRANGE ANIMALS
HATES: JUSTICE



According to the captain, he is the “most cruel” of the bunch. “No, he ain’t!!” Well, he got done in before he had a chance to get really mean. I just really wanted Elie and Plue and Griff to win. I had first imagined him with more cool moves and stuff, with things hidden under his clothes. Too bad I didn’t have a chance to use it all. But I guess I can use all those ideas for other guys too (laughs). Oh, that reminds me, a person from western Japan yelled at me, “Quit using western Japanese [Kansai-ben/dialect] for your jokes.” (Sorry, I did it again).

PALACE GUARDIAN: RON GLACE

WEAPONS: DARK BRING
(NEEDLE PAIN)

BIRTHDAY / AGE:

NOVEMBER 9, 0064 / 2

HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE:

271 CM / 270 KG / UNKNOWN

BIRTHPLACE:

UNDERWORLD - BROSSA TOWN

HOBBIES:

COLLECTING STICKERS

SPECIAL SKILLS:

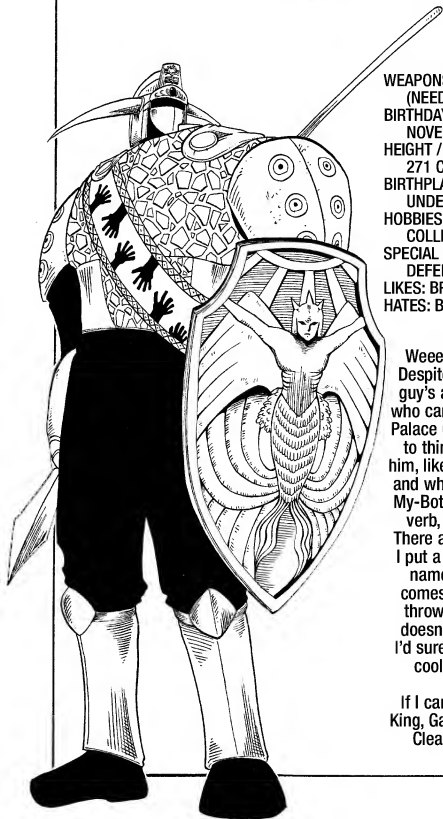
DEFENSIVE ABILITY

LIKES: BREAKING THINGS

HATES: BEING PATIENT

Weeeeeeeeaaaaaakkkk!!
Despite his appearance, this guy's a real wimp!! Oh well, who cares? Just like the other Palace Guardians, I was trying to think of a back story for him, like "he is really this xxx," and what I came up with was My-Botsu (I made up the new verb, botsuru). Mmhhh... There are a lot of times when I put a lot of thought into the names, and then when it comes time to decide, I just throw out some name that doesn't mean anything. But I'd sure love to think of some cooler stories and stuff.

If I can, I'll have profiles for King, Gale, Solasido, Remi, and Clea in the next volume.



Artist's Tools Page

I'VE HAD LOTS OF PEOPLE ASKING ME WHAT KINDS OF TOOLS I USE WHEN I DRAW COMICS, SO HERE'S MY ANSWER.

Pen



← NORMAL G PEN

I'VE BEEN USING THE SAME HANDLE FOR LIKE...FOREVER, SO THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CHANGE NOW.

← This part



← SOMETHING CALLED A ROUND PEN

I USE THIS FOR DRAWING BACKGROUNDS AND STUFF. IT GIVES ME A NICE, THIN LINE.

Ink



← This kind of line



← PILOT INK (FOR DRAFTING)

I LIKE IT BECAUSE IT DRIES FAST AND IS EASY TO USE.



← KAIMEI INDIA INK

I LIKE THE WAY THE INK SPREEEEEEAAAADS OUT. THESE ARE THE TWO INKS I USE.



← BRUSH PEN (PILOT)

I USE THIS WHEN I'M FILLING IN BLACKS, AND DRAWING SHINE ON HAIR AND STUFF. THE TIP IS A SPONGE. OH YEAH, I ALSO USE THIS FOR WRITING LETTERS/CHARACTERS, TOO.

These types of letters

Fiber-tipped pens

← ㇏㇏㇏㇏㇏



← SIGMA PENS

NICE AND CONVENIENT WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT THICKNESSES. BTW, MY BORDER LINES ARE DRAWN WITH A #8.



← ZEBRA MARKERS

USEFUL FOR WRITING LETTERS AND COLORING IN BIG SPOTS OF BLACK.



← COPIC MARKERS

I DO MY COLOR SPREADS WITH THESE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY. LATELY I'VE BEEN USING A COMPUTER TO FIX THEM UP AFTERWARDS TOO.

Eraser



← This kind of line



← MONO ERASER

I USE THESE BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS HEARD EVERYONE ELSE AROUND USES THEM. YUP! VERY EASY TO USE!

Whiteout



← DOCTOR MARTIN'S

I HAVE A LOT OF WHITEOUT, AND SOMETIMES I USE DIFFERENT ONES FOR DIFFERENT SITUATIONS, BUT THIS IS THE ONE I LIKE THE BEST. JUST WISH IT WAS A LITTLE CHEAPER.

Screen Tone



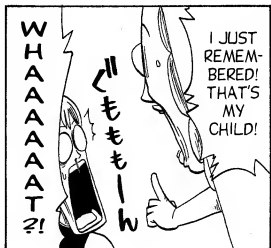
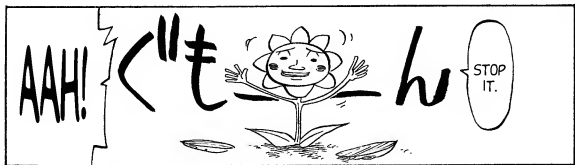
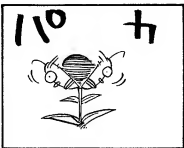
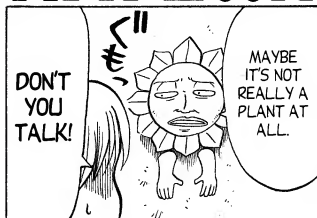
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← IC SCREEN TONE

THE ONLY ONES I USE ARE #61 AND #63, GRADATION TONES. ON RARE OCCASIONS I'LL USE OTHERS, BUT I REALLY SUCK AT DOING TONES, SO I TRY NOT TO USE 'EM TOO MUCH.

RAVE0077 Levin Sits Watch



Afterwords

BOY, WAS THAT OPENING ILLUSTRATION FOR CHAPTER 57 (THE BALL WHERE EVERYONE'S DANCING) A TOUGHIE!!

YIPPEE!! ...YES, MASHIMA HERE. HELLO. SO, EVERYONE, WHAT DID YOU THINK? DID YOU LIKE THE DRAWING? IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE STORY, BUT SOMETIMES I JUST GET IN THE MOOD TO DO SOMETHING REALLY HARD. PRETTY WEIRD, HUH? EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT'LL BE REALLY HARD, I JUST FEEL LIKE DOING IT ANYWAY, WITH LOTS OF LITTLE DETAILS AND STUFF. AND THANKS TO THAT, I ENDED UP FINISHING MY STORY COMPLETION A DAY LATER THAN NORMAL. AND SOMETIMES I JUST GET AN ITCH TO DRAW BIG CROWD SCENES TOO, WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE WALKING EVERYWHERE. AND WHEN I'M CLOSE TO MISSING A DEADLINE, I JUST GET MY ASSISTANT(S) TO FINISH FOR ME. HMM. YOU MAY BE THINKING THAT IF I HAVE ENOUGH FREE TIME FOR THESE COMPLICATED ILLUSTRATIONS, I SHOULD SPEND MORE TIME ON THE COMIC ITSELF. BUT BELIEVE ME, I SPEND PLENTY OF TIME MAKING THIS THE BEST COMIC I CAN MAKE IT (LAUGHS). I GUESS IT'S MY OWN WAY OF RELAXING (LAUGHS). SURE, IT'S TOUGH, BUT IT'S MY OWN WEIRD RELAXATION TECHNIQUE.

THAT REMINDS ME, RECENTLY MY CONTACT TOLD ME, "YOUR ART'S BEEN GETTING BETTER LATELY, COMPARED TO BEFORE," SO I WENT BACK AND LOOKED AT SOME OF MY EARLIER WORK. YES, BACK IN VOLUME 1, I HAD SOME PRETTY HORRIBLE ART. LOOKING BACK ON IT NOW, I JUST SLAMMED IT SHUT. NOW I'M THINKING I'M STARTING TO IMPROVE AND ALL, BUT I KNOW I STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. GOTTA WORK HARDER. I'M AIMING FOR A 100 IN MY ART, BUT I'D ONLY GIVE MY VOLUME 1 A SCORE OF 1. I THINK I'M AT ABOUT A TWO RIGHT NOW. IMPROVING ONE POINT A YEAR, MAKES ME A LITTLE FAINTHEARTED TO THINK ABOUT THAT. BUT WITH THAT FORMULA, I'LL ONLY NEED ANOTHER 98 YEARS TO MAX OUT MY PICTURE-POWER (MY NEW WORD). SO THAT MEANS, I'LL BE ABOUT 121 YEARS OLD. IN OTHER WORDS, I PLAN ON SPENDING MY WHOLE LIFE IMPROVING MY CRAFT. YUP! NOT BAD! MY NEXT GOAL IS A PICTURE-POWER RANKING OF THREE! JUST SO YOU KNOW, THIS IS A PERSONAL STANDARD, SO I DON'T JUDGE OTHERS' WORK WITH THIS SCALE. SO ALL YOU ASPIRING ARTISTS OUT THERE! DECIDE YOUR OWN IDEAL PICTURE-POWER GOAL, DRAW OUT YOUR PICTURE-POWER POTENTIAL, AND DEVOTE YOUR LIFE TO IT!!

HIRO MASHIMA, AT 121 YEARS OLD